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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

SAC, Atlanta

December 13, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Belmont to Boardman, 12-13-56, FJB:CFW:gft, same caption.

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With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/8/57

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Attached is the first monthly summary submitted in accordance with Bulet to Atlanta and other offices dated December 13, 1956, captioned CITIZENS COUNCILS, INTERNAL SECURITY - X.

Since the January summary is the first to be prepared, I thought it would be desirable to summarize briefly the movement in this area to date.

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January 8, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

Two Federal Judicial Districts are covered by the Savannah Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. One is the Eastern District of South Carolina. The other is the Southern District of Georgia. No Citizens Council has been organized or now exists within the Southern District of Georgia. Organization of Citizens Councils within the Eastern District of South Carolina commenced in the fall of 1955. None has come into existence since September, 1956. Throughout the district, there are now fifty-two separate local Councils and one State-wide organization. Total membership in South Carolina has been publicly estimated at between 25,000 and 40,000. Organization of the Councils in many instances followed petitions sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People seeking integration in the public school system through the various local Boards of Education. Principal aim of the Councils has been to prevent integration by legal means. Generally, the Councils have elected leading citizens of the communities to positions of responsibility and leadership. No acts of violence attributable to Citizens Councils have been reported. Some of the Councils have received state charters. These charters declare the purposes of the organizations to be the dissemination of information relative to the preservation of State Sovereignty and a bi-racial society, the bettering of relations between the races, the maintenance of peace and domestic tranquility, and the education of the public in these aims. Once organized, the Councils have had few meetings. These have featured speakers on the theme of segregation. Usually the Councils have then become dormant.

More than forty persons attended a joint meeting of the officers of seven councils of Charleston County, South Carolina, on January 3, 1957, at which a drive was initiated for funds to assist the 16 defendants arrested recently in Clinton, Tennessee, following racial incidents. The same group adopted a resolution calling for a review of all safeguards taken to prevent integration in the schools and urging any changes needed to maintain these safeguards.



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The Chairman of the State-wide council was asked to name a committee to meet with James F. Byrnes, former Supreme Court Justice and Governor of South Carolina, to urge him to participate in the appeal of a recent Texas decision in which a United States District Judge ruled that Dallas schools need not be integrated immediately.

The foregoing summary is based entirely upon information which has appeared in the public press.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub. 49) DATE: Feb. 13, 1957

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Enclosed is the second monthly summary submitted in accordance with Bulet to Atlanta and other offices dated 12/13/56, captioned Citizens Councils, IS - X.

Reference is made in this summary to the Citizens Council of Sumter County, S. C., Savannah file 105-231, Bufile 105-43423, and an extra copy of the summary is therefore being forwarded to the Bureau for inclusion in Bufile 105-43423.

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February 13, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

After several months of comparative inactivity, various citizens councils within the Eastern Judicial District of South Carolina are now holding meetings for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year.

Chairman THOMAS D. KEELS, of the Association of Citizens Councils of South Carolina, has commended the action of several councils in contributing to the defense fund for citizens of Clinton, Tennessee, who have been charged in Federal Court with interfering with a school integration order. Mr. KEELS has described the State organization as a coordinating and service agency for the more than fifty-five local autonomous councils affiliated with it. He has stressed a statement the councils are non-political organizations which have come into being for the purpose of maintaining good race relations, good order, and good government based on Constitutional principles. The State body launched a state-wide membership drive during mid-January 1957. This drive is to continue for an undecided period of time for the purpose of getting the largest membership possible in the individual councils, and to create interest in the organization of additional councils. The State association has cooperated with organizations in other southern states in forming the Citizens Council of America, and has established a speakers bureau for the benefit of local councils as well as a legal advisory committee of prominent lawyers.

A tax avoidance measure, reportedly long employed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been adopted by the citizens councils. They have established an "Educational Fund of the Citizens Councils" and are soliciting contributions for a long-range program aimed at furthering the cause of "States' Rights" and "Racial Integrity." The Educational Fund advises that contributions to the fund are deductible for income tax purposes and cites a ruling which grants such deductible status to the "Legal Defense and Educational Fund" of the NAACP.

SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Chairman of the Citizens Council of America, visited Mr. KEELS, mentioned above, in Sumter, South Carolina, during January 1957, and while there issued a statement predicting a long, hard fight ahead for

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anti-integrationists. He said the Citizens Council of America has a current membership of almost 500,000 in the South.

Another recent visitor to Sumter was Representative JOHN BELL WILLIAMS of Mississippi, who on February 7 addressed an audience of about 1400 people in the auditorium of the local high school in Sumter under sponsorship of the Citizens Council of Sumter County. He painted a picture of sordid morals, lack of discipline, and plummeting standards of achievement after integration of the public schools in Washington, D. C. Rep. WILLIAMS was a member of a Congressional Sub-Committee which conducted hearings on the school situation in Washington several months ago. He referred to May 17, 1954, the date of the Supreme Court decision ordering public school integration, as "Black Monday," and described that date as the darkest day in Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence. Those in attendance at the meeting in Sumter represented seventeen counties in South Carolina and several surrounding states.

Mr. KEELS, previously mentioned, was quoted on January 24, 1957, as saying the South Carolina Association of Citizens Councils had no connection with ASA CARTER, ardent race segregationist who was arrested a few days earlier in Birmigham, Alabama, following a shooting incident. CARTER was described as Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-25-57

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Citizens Councils - Savannah.

Original filed in: 66-17331-1310

**Pages A1400-A1401** Congressman Riley, (D) South Carolina, extended his remarks regarding alleged erroneous information that Major General E. J. Timberlake, commander of the Ninth Air Force, and Brigadier General Stephen B. Mack, commander of Shaw Air Force Base, had attended a meeting of the White Citizens Council in Sumter, South Carolina, on February 16, 1957. The reference to the FBI was set forth in a memorandum prepared earlier today.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAR 2 1957 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 49)

DATE: March 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
IS - X

Enclosed is the third monthly summary submitted in accordance with Bulet to Atlanta and other offices dated 12/13/56, captioned Citizens Councils, IS - X.

Reference is made in this summary to the Florence School District #1 Citizens Council, Florence, S. C., Savannah file 105-197, Bufile 105-42184, and to the Citizens Council, Lamar, S. C., Savannah file 105-187, Bufile 105-42457. An extra copy of this summary is therefore being forwarded to the Bureau for inclusion in each of the Bufiles mentioned.

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305 Realty Building
Savannah, Georgia
March 14, 1957

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

Citizens councils within the state of South Carolina are reporting good progress in their membership drives.

The Citizens Council of South Carolina, which is a state-wide organization, is aiming at the establishment of a central state office under direction of an executive secretary. EMORY S. ROGERS, an attorney of Summerton, South Carolina, served as executive secretary of the state association from the time of its organization in December 1955 until November 1956, when he resigned. No successor for Mr. ROGERS has been named.

The state association has endorsed a legislative resolution proposing efforts to interest other parts of the country in defending states' rights. This resolution, authored by Representative MITCHELL OTT, of Orangeburg County, is in the Ways and Means Committee of the State House of Representatives. Creation of a State Sovereignty Commission with power to send visitationsto other states, particularly to the north and west, is recommended in the measure. A State Sovereignty Commission with similar purposes has already been set up in Mississippi. The Commission would be headed by the Governor of the State and would consist, besides him, of the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, one other House member, and one Senator. Speakers from South Carolina would be chosen for appearances in other states. The Commission would be empowered to take other action to help preserve states' rights.

A South Carolina Legislator, Representative O. L. WARR, of Darlington County, has warned the federal government might find itself hamstrung in its other jury trials in South Carolina if it seeks to deny the right of jury trial to persons charged with violation of "civil rights" legislation. Representative WARR, who as president of the Citizens Council at

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Lamar, South Carolina, has spoken before various other citizens councils within the state of South Carolina, has been quoted as follows:

"I believe that I speak for most South Carolinians when I give voice to this quiet reminder to those who are seeking to afflict us with a tyranny that will be unbearable: If citizens of South Carolina are deprived by the federal government of the benefit of trial by jury in federal courts, then South Carolinians will see to it that the federal government is itself deprived of the benefit of convictions by jury in those same courts.

"By the exercise of our rights as individual jurors, we can, without the lifting of a single violent finger or the utterance of a single harsh word, make it impossible for the federal government to convict any citizen of any crime in any federal courtroom in this state."

JULIAN DUSENBURY, attorney, who has been active in Florence School District #1 Citizens Council, Florence, S. C., has been quoted as suggesting a southern bloc to control the legislative, judicial and executive branches of the national government. He said the South holds a balance which can sway currents in the three big branches of the federal government. He has been further quoted as stating in a talk before the Citizens Council at Florence on March 7, 1957, that during the course of history, tyranny has come in many different forms, and it now looks as if it might have come in the form of judicial robes. He urged that care be taken to elect as public officials only those individuals who are standing firmly against integration.

The foregoing summary is based entirely upon information which has appeared in the public press during the past month.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/5/57

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
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Enclosed is the fourth monthly summary submitted in accordance with Bulet to Atlanta and other offices dated 12/13/56, captioned "Citizens Councils, IS-X."

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

According to various newspaper articles published within the State, the various Citizens Councils throughout South Carolina have engaged only in routine meeting activities during the past month. Talks before these councils which have been publicized have dealt with the segregation issue.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 10, 1957

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
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Enclosed is the fifth monthly summary submitted in accordance with Bulet to Atlanta and other offices dated 12/13/56, captioned "Citizens Councils, IS-X."

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

If any meetings of Citizens Councils within the Eastern Judicial District of South Carolina have taken place during the past month, they have not been publicized.

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# Horry Citizens Meet, Organize New Council

CONWAY, Sept. 28 — A group of three hundred Horry County Citizens met at 8 p.m. Thursday at Horry County Court House and organized an Horry County Citizens' Council.

The meeting was called to order by Evans M. Bunch Jr. and the invocation was given by W. L. Jones Sr.

Bunch introduced as guests, T. D. Keels, Sumter, president of the Association of Citizens' Councils of S.C.; George T. Ivey, Florence, chairman of Florence Citizens' Council; Dickie Dusenbury, Florence attorney and former legal assistant to Senator Strom Thurmond; Thomas R. Miller, Florence businessman and former State legislator; J. A. Stubbs, Sumter Liaison Officer of the Citizens' Council; Ernest Hennatt, Lake City, of the South Magazine.

These gentlemen made short talks expressing the works and purpose of the Citizens' Council and the importance of the white people of Horry County having an organization composed of respectable citizens to work toward maintaining segregation in our public schools. At this point, Bunch asked the citizens present for a discussion from the floor, the desires and wishes of those present concerning organizing an Horry County Citizens' Council.

The following were elected as officers; J. M. Long Jr., Conway Attorney, chairman; Harry C. McInvaile, Conway Businessman, vice chairman of information and education; Evans M. Bunch Jr., Conway Attorney, vice chairman of political and elections; Cecil Horne, Loris businessman, vice chairman of membership and finance; Thomas M. Spence, Myrtle Beach Attorney, vice chairman of legal advisory; John T. Thomas, Myrtle Beach businessman, secretary and treasurer.

Around 75 citizens joined the Citizens' Council before the meeting adjourned, the first member being the Rev. Eddie Hough from Floyds Township, and the second being Mr. W. L. Jones Sr. from the Aynor Township.

Horry County Citizens Council, Conway, S.C.

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**Date:** October 16, 1957

**To:** Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

**From:** John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Subject:** CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated October 5, 1957, prepared by the Savannah Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosure

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
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1 - RAB (By Form 0-6, same date) (Enclosure)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub 49) DATE: 10/5/57

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Savannah, Georgia
October 5, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

Set forth below is an advertisement which appeared in the Florence Morning News, a daily newspaper published at Florence, S. C. in its issue of October 2, 1957.

"IT'S YOUR FIGHT, TOO

"Former Gov. James F. Byrnes said last week in Bennettsville: 'You Can Not Educate Boys and Girls with Bayonets and Bullets!'

"Men and women in South Carolina of goodwill are fighting to prevent such an attempt as is being made in Little Rock today.

"But too long, like many people in Little Rock, citizens in this state have assumed a 'stand offish' attitude. To continue such an attitude will surely bring dictorial federal government down on our heads, too.

"The Citizens Council in this state have and are making a stand against the attempts of outsiders to tear down the liberties we have long cherished.

"Because the Citizens Council have been outspoken our situation is much better in South Carolina than in many other Southern states. However, all of us have been asleep for nearly 50 years and permitted the NAACP and its do-gooders to pour insidious propaganda into the minds of non-thinking Southern people.

"Today South Carolina and other Southern states are just as much satellites as are Hungary and Poland.

"Are we to submit our children to the integrationists to be used as bayonet bait? Are we to surrender our children to those pledged to destroy this country and both the White and Negro races?

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"Don't you honestly feel, Mr. and Mrs. South Carolina, that it's your fight, too? If you do, join your local council today! Give in person, or by mail, your name, address, telephone number and $5.00 (Why not another $5.00 for 1958, too) For 1957 membership to

"Citizen's Council
DR. D. D. COVINGTON, Treasurer
467 WEST CHEVES STREET
FLORENCE, S. C."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 10/23/57

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

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ReBulet to Atlanta and other offices 10/9/57.

Three Citizens Councils have come into existence in the State of South Carolina since submission of the report of SA JOSEPH D. PURVIS, dated 9/21/56, at Savannah, captioned Citizens Councils of South Carolina, aka, IS - X, Bufile 105-42793, in which 50 existing councils within South Carolina are identified. Thus, we apparently have within the Eastern District of South Carolina, a total of 53 separate Citizens Councils. There is no Citizens Council within the Southern District of Georgia. The three most recently organized groups in South Carolina are:

Savannah River Citizens Council, North Augusta, S. C.
(Sv. 105-295)

Ridgeville Citizens Council, Ridgeville, S. C.
(Sv. 105-307)

Horry County Citizens Council, Myrtle Beach, S. C.
(Sv. 105-337)

During our most recent conferences of Special Agents held on October 16 and 23, 1957, I personally discussed with all Agents the details of the Bureau's instructions as set forth in Bulet 10/9/57, and emphasized, as the Bureau did therein, the absolute necessity of handling this matter with utmost discretion.

I am causing to be reopened all the files concerning the 53 Citizens Councils in South Carolina. Each is being assigned 105-34237-49

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for the purpose of checking the present status of each organization. As in the past, such check will be limited to the individual knowledge of the investigating Agent, public information, and information received from approved and reliable sources. If a council is found to have had no meeting and no activity of any type whatsoever since 7/1/57, a memo so indicating is to be prepared by the Agent to whom the case is assigned. The Agent will recheck the status of the organization within a period not to exceed 45 days. Until some activity on the part of the council is indicated, no affirmative steps will be taken to develop coverage. Efforts will be made, however, to develop coverage of all councils which have shown activity since 7/1/57 and those councils which show activity upon recheck as stipulated above. It is possible the racial situation will change to warrant action other than that stipulated and in the event such a development occurs, this office will immediately take action necessary to cope with the situation.

Efforts to develop coverage within the active councils will proceed along the lines outlined in Bulet of 10/9/57. Separate files will not be opened within classification 134 or 137 concerning individuals of potential assistance until the Bureau approves contact with the individuals suggested. After such contact is approved and the individual in question shows a willingness to be of help, a separate case in classification 134 will be opened concerning that individual and contacts with him will be handled in the same manner as contacts with PSI's and SI's are handled. For practical purposes, these individuals will be referred to as PSI's or, if warranted and approved, as SI's.

The Savannah Office will continue to maintain the separate control file for Citizens Council matters within South Carolina.

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# McMillan Hopes Supreme Court Has Sense Enough To Reverse Its Ruling

Congresman John L. McMillan, told a Lee County audience last Thursday night that states must continue to elect governors with backbone, that he certainly hopes the United States Supreme Court has sense enough to reverse itself on the matter of segregation and that if necessary states must do away with the National Guard and organize instead a state police force that can be counted upon. He was sepaking before the annual meeting of The Bishopville Citizens Council which was held at the Bishopville High School on Thursday night, November 5. He stated, also, that the South is not going to weaken in its fight to win the battle and retain segregation of the races.

Senator Wm. P. Baskin and Representative Ed. B. Baskin spoke at the conclusion of Congressman McMillan's address. Senator Baskin pledged himself to do everything in his power to prevent integration of the races, that South Carolinians must be vigilant and fight to the last ditch to maintain segregation. Representative Baskin said, among other things, that if troops are sent into South Carolina to force integration in the schools that they should be closed and passive resistance should be resorted to. He also advocated certain changes which would, he said, encourage Lee County citizens to register. He warned that "Integration in the schools is not the most important thing now. We must gain control of the ballot box."

The meeting last Thursday was preceded by a barbecue supper served free to members and prospective members of The Bishopville Citizens Council. Thurston B. Webb, Jr., is Council President. Congressman McMillan was introduced by Mayor G. Herman McElveen, of Bishopville.

The following nominations for office were presented by Wm. G. DesChamps, Jr., of the nominating committee: Charles Cummings, president; James Bradham, vice-president and A. D. Berry, secretary and treasurer. Nominated as members of the Board of Directors were: T. B. Webb, Jr., O. L. Edwards, R. L. Outlaw, Harold Dickinson, Warden McKenzie, Charles Mimms, Lang McCoy, Joe Stuckey, Morris Hyatt and Ralph Bell. All nominations were accepted and were voted on unanimously.

Congressman McMillan stated in the beginning that many problems face the nation today and that this is an age when all will have to take more interest in what is going on around them. He stated that agriculture is in trouble and that Secretary of Agriculture Benson apparently does not feel that the small farmer should remain on the farm and has no sympathy for him. He added that a small farmer cannot farm successfully under the Benson plan.

Congressman McMillan spoke of the efforts of the NAACP to discredit the District of Columbia Police Chief and the District Police Department but that an investigation had proved they were wrong in stating that Negroes are discriminated against. He stated that the District of Columbia Committee, of which he is chairman, has charge of running the District but that the three Commissioners are taking their orders from the White House. This, he stated, is getting to be a habit since the U. S. Supreme Court acted unlawfully in issuing its

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edict abolishing segregation.

In commenting on desegregation of the schools in Washington the Congressman stated that the Superintendent of Schools has stated that they have been desegregated but that they are not integrated. The Washington schools, once ranked at the top, now have descended to the bottom as a result of desegregation. He added that integration is shoving people out of Washington as Negroes move in but that the NAACP has not yet been successful in breaking down segregation in the hotels. He stated that he doesn't know what is going to happen next year but believes that a big battle is shaping up in Washington between those who want to maintain segregation and states rights and those who want to completely abolish them.

In speaking of the Little Rock troop episode he stated that it is well it didn't happen in South Carolina for there might have been another civil war. He said that the government will have a lot of explaining to do concerning Little Rock when Congress convenes again. He spoke of the fight which was made against the Civil Rights Bill and that the bill passed by the House was one of the worst ever to get through, but fortunately southern Senators were able to make a number of changes, especially one preventing the right of trial by jury. He added that those working for the Negroes in Congress do not think as much of them as we do down here in the South.

In commenting on the stand which Governor Faubus of Arkansas has taken Congressman McMillan stated that it is more important now than ever before for each state ~~to elect~~ a governor with a backbone. Talking further about what happened at Little Rock he stated that if it becomes necessary the National Guard must be abolished and a strong state police system must be organized that can be counted on. He stated that he feels that the U. S. Supreme Court erred in its desegregation decision and that he hopes its members have sense enough to reverse themselves. Pressure is now being placed on members of Congress from northern states to curb the U. S. Supreme Court. In conclusion he pledged that "We are not going to weaken but are going to win the battle in Washington."

Senator Wm. P. Baskin, called on for a few words by Council President Webb, stated that he was in Arkansas at the time the Little Rock trouble was at its heighth and that the people of Arkansas are just as determined to preserve segregation in their schools as are the people of South Carolina. The nine Negro students, he stated, will go to the Little Rock white school only so long as they have protection of Federal troops. One of the main causes he stated, for the whole trouble, was that Little Rock had a weak school board which had a desegregation plan, as well as a weak mayor and chief of police. He said that there is no weak school board in Lee County and that segregation will be maintained in Lee County. He stated that better citizens of both races do not want integration and that he will do everything in his power to prevent integration of the races. He added that he expects South Carolina Democrats to stand up like they did in 1948 unless changes are made by the national party on civil rights and segregation. They can name their own electors and vote against both major parties. He said, in conclusion, that "We must be vigilant and pull together. We must stand up and fight to the last ditch for segregation."

Representative Ed. B. Baskin started out by saying that he had had no opportunity to prepare a speech but that he would speak from the heart. In speaking about the trouble in Little Rock he stated that South Carolina should follow a different plan from that in Little Rock. Schools should be closed and all shoud stay home and not cooperate in any way. He added that integration in the schools is not the most important problem facing Lee Countians and South Carolinians today but that gaining control of the ballot is most important. He stated that he had been informed that almost as many Negroes have registered so far in Lee County as have white people. He added that the General Assembly had voted $4,000 for registration expenses in Lee County and that he is interested in seeing that there is an honest registration. He said that he had proposed six weeks ago that a Lee County citizen of unquestionable character be made clerk of the Lee County Board of Registration and that he had proposed one man from each of the so-called political factions in Lee County, Mr. C. R. Kilgore, Sr., and Mr. A. L. Reaves. He added that either of these men would be suitable to him. If named the clerk would, said Representative Baskin, be required to see each and every certificate issued. He added that once a name is on the registration books it is almost impossible to get it off for ten years.

Another proposal concerning registration in Lee County, as made by Rep. Baskin, is that the office be moved to the ground floor of the Court House from upstairs and that it be located in the office formerly occupied by the Lee County Superintendent of Education. This office is now used, he stated, on Mondays by the Bishopville Magistrate and on Fridays by the Lee County Master. He proposed opening the offices longer each day and for more times each month. He stated that the Registration Board should let it be known how many white and how many colored people have registered.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-49) DATE: 11/20/57

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*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Savannah, Georgia
November 19, 1957

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Set forth below in its entirety is an article which appeared in the November 18, 1957, edition of "The News and Courier," a daily newspaper published at Charleston, South Carolina, under the caption "Gutheridge Plans Five S. C. Speeches":

"SUMTER, Nov. 17 (Special)--Amis Gutheridge, general counsel for the Capital Citizens Council of Little Rock, Ark., and the Assn. of Citizens Councils of Arkansas, will fill five speaking engagements in South Carolina this week.

"Monday night Gutheridge will address members of Citizen Counsils of Eastern South Carolina at McClenaghan High School in Florence at 7 p.m.

"The Little Rock attorney is one of the chief advisers to Gov. Faubus and will discuss school integration problems in Little Rock.

"The meeting here is under the sponsorship of Florence County Citizens Council. Guthridge said by telephone 'I will tell the Little Rock story the press did not print.'

"Tuesday he will speak to members of Citizens Councils of Central South Carolina at Orangeburg, and Wednesday he will be at Charleston to address the Charleston County Citizens Council.

"On Thursday Gutheridge will speak to members of the Lower Richland Citizens Council at Lower Richland High School near Columbia and on Friday will wind up his tour by speaking to the Horry Citizens Council at Conway.

"Gutheridge will leave Little Rock by private plane tomorrow morning and will arrive in Florence at 4 p.m. He

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"will be accompanied on his tour by Robert T. Bradford, a member of the board of the Capital Citizens Council of Little Rock. The pair will fly from town to town in South Carolina during Gutheridge's speaking engagements.

"In commenting on the invitations to speak in South Carolina, Gutheridge said: 'It is with a great deal of pleasure that I anticipate the honor of speaking in South Carolina, the state which Gov Faubus (of Arkansas) recently told me sent him more wires and letters of encouragement in our tragic crisis than any other state in the nation.'

"Gutheridge was Arkansas campaign manager for the States' Rights Democrats in 1948. He was born in Hot Springs in 1908, graduated from Arkansas State Teachers College and the Arkansas Law School, operated a furniture business for 18 years and is now a practicing attorney in Little Rock."

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Date: November 27, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
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There is being furnished you herewith for your information a memorandum dated November 21, 1957, prepared by the Savannah, Georgia, Office of this Bureau captioned as above.

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1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-49) DATE: 11/22/57

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

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If Guthridge's speeches follow this general theme, further memoranda for dissemination concerning them will not be forwarded, UACB.

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Savannah, Georgia
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Set forth below in its entirety is an article which appeared in the November 19, 1957 issue of "The News & Courier," a daily newspaper published at Charleston, South Carolina, under the caption "Faubus Will Win, Guthridge States":

"FLORENCE, Nov. 18 -- A Little Rock Attorney said here tonight that 'Gov. Orval Faubus of Arkansas, has a definite plan for ending integration in troop-guarded Central High School. I know his plans but I can't reveal them to you here tonight.'

"Addressing an overflow crowd at the McClenaghan High School, Amis Guthridge said 'In this battle with President Eisenhower I can promise you one thing -- Orval Faubus isn't coming out second best. ARK S.C.

"Guthridge, who is one of Faubus's legal advisers, also told the group that 'we are going to get the nine Negro kids out of Central High in the very near future and we aren't going to harm a one of them. The efforts of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People to integrate schools in Arkansas is a flop, a failure and they'll begin to realize it in the not too distant future. When Gov. Faubus knows the time is right he'll lead the people of Arkansas from the predicament they find themselves in today.'

"The Little Rock attorney, who will speak four other times in South Carolina this week, predicted that 'American history will record Mr. Eisenhower as the sorriest president that ever disgraced the White House. I know for a fact that a general of the army cased Central High School in Little Rock two weeks before federal troops were sent to my town. It is little wonder that I say this whole thing was a put-up job, a conspiracy against the people of Arkansas. Sending the paratroopers to Little Rock was not a snap decision. It was planned Arkansas was the target state for the race-mixers and they long had

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"the support of whatever force was necessary to accomplish their goal.'

"Guthridge took a verbal swing at Harry A. Ashmore, executive editor of the Arkansas Gazette, and called him 'the most dangerous man in our state. He's a Southern scalawag and a race-mixer without the intestial fortitude to stand publicly on his convictions.

"'In contrast you have a man in South Carolina -- Editor Thomas R. Waring of The News and Courier -- who has love for his people. Waring is a man willing to protect, guide and fight for the folks who live not only in this state but in the South.'

"Guthridge also told the 800 persons that 'Supt. Virgil T. Blossom of Central High School can count the days he'll still have a job in Little Rock. It's not idle talk. Blossom must go and we in Little Rock will see to that.'

"He said outside 'minor attacks on two reporters--one a Negro and the other from Life magazine--we haven't had any violence in Little Rock. There was some bloodshed but it was caused by armed federal troops.' He said federal troops with drawn bayonets shoved and pushed women and young girls and clubbed some men. 'I represented one of those men in court. He was stabbed in the stomach with a bayonet and clubbed in the head twice with the butt of a rifle. Where was he when this happened? Standing a block away from the high school with his wife in the front yard of another woman's house.'

"Guthridge said local police arrested about 75 persons during the disturbance in Little Rock and 'many of them were later questioned by the FBI.'

"The Arkansas Citizens Council leader said the sending of armed troops to Arkansas 'was the biggest political blunder in American history. We weren't solified in Arkansas before that happened. But we are now. We've had to hire a fulltime secretary to handle the business of our Capital Citizens Council. I once might have been

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"'from that state in the Southwest but tonight the majority of people in Arkansas are from the Deep, Deep South.

"'This thing in Little Rock has also shaken people from their slumber above the Mason and Dixon Line. I've read some of the mail Gov. Faubus has received. They are behind him.'

"Guthridge said Gov. Faubus is 'interested in filing a suit to test the validity of the 14th amendment to the Constitution. And I know, and he knows, he'll have the full support of every Southern state.'

"The Little Rock leader, who drove throughout the night Sunday to reach Florence for his appearance, will speak Tuesday in Orangeburg and Wednesday in Charleston. He'll appear in Richland Thursday and Conway Friday."

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Reurlet November 25, 1957.

You are instructed to comply with instructions set forth in Bulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, captioned as above with regard to the development of sources and informants who can furnish your office information concerning the potential for violence and violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction on the part of Citizens Councils.

It will not be sufficient for your office to rely on individuals volunteering information at some time in the future inasmuch as the situation which could develop might preclude local residents from volunteering such data to the FBI.

As you were advised in Bulet of October 9, 1957, it is not desired that informants or sources be developed in each and every council, but that sufficient coverage should be available in those areas where there might be trouble resulting from integration problems, in order for your office to have information concerning the potential of Citizens Councils and any intentions to violate court orders, injunctions, or laws within the Bureaus jurisdiction.

It is expected that the next monthly letter submitted by your office will clearly reflect the results of your efforts in this regard.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Savannah advised that in the past that office has kept track of Citizens Councils through public sources information, personal knowledge of Agents, and through information volunteered by Citizens Councils members. Savannah feels it is unnecessary to develop informants as such. South Carolina and Georgia are two states in which there will undoubtedly be racial trouble in the future. When such trouble arises, the local people may not feel disposed to volunteer any information to the Bureau ~~as~~ the FBI is involved which, more than likely, we will be. Therefore, it is felt necessary that we develop at this time sources and informants rather than waiting.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-Sub 49) DATE: 11/25/57

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulet to Atlanta and other offices 10/9/57 and mylet 10/23/57.

The Bureau's instructions regarding the handling of these cases have been discussed orally by me, as previously indicated, during our conferences of Special Agents held on 10/16/57 and 10/23/57. Later in October the various individual case files on the Citizens Councils in South Carolina were reopened and assigned. At the time this was done written instructions were given in each instance as to the handling of these matters pursuant to the Bureau's stipulations. We have no Citizens Councils in that portion of the State of Georgia covered by the Savannah Office. No Citizens Council literature is published within our territory. Shortly after organization of these councils commenced in South Carolina there did exist at Orangeburg, South Carolina, a Citizens Council publication, but this publication, regarding which the Bureau has been kept up to date separately, has not existed for some months.

Generally speaking, the local Citizens Councils in South Carolina seem to have become fully organized and then dormant, probably on a wait-and-see basis. Meetings of several councils have been held from time to time however, and such meetings have invariably been open to the public. During the past few days, five Citizens Council meetings have been held in South Carolina for the purpose of hearing talks by AMIS GUTHERIDGE, general counsel for the Capital Citizens Council of Little Rock, Arkansas. These meetings have been announced publicly, the public has been invited, and accounts of Mr. GUTHERIDGE's remarks have appeared in the newspapers. Memoranda regarding this particular series of meetings have been furnished to the Bureau separately for dissemination as the Bureau sees fit. Judging by all the information which has come to the attention of this office, any effort to integrate the public schools in any community within the State of South Carolina will create difficulties. As of this date we know of no location at which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People or any other group or individual contemplates an effort to integrate this system. There was a rumor the NAACP intended to try to integrate the public school system at Aiken, South Carolina, early in 1958, but this rumor proved to be without foundation, as the Bureau has also been advised separately.

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In re-examining the coverage previously had with respect to the Citizens Councils, I found the information which had been reported by us had come from individual knowledge of Special Agents or from public information or from proved and reliable sources. These proved and reliable sources were in many instances individuals who actually held membership or even high office in the councils. We have not encountered any inclination on the part of Citizens Councils members or leaders to conceal their programs and objectives. In a strict sense or from an administrative standpoint, these individuals who readily and willingly furnish information concerning their Citizens Councils to the FBI or to any other agency or individual are not "informants". Consequently, in most such instances, no purpose would be served by writing the Bureau separately concerning such an individual or obtaining Bureau authorization to contact. Should the Bureau wish us to go through the procedure indicated in order to continue contacting individuals in this category, please advise; otherwise, our requests for authorization to contact will be confined to those instances in which a need might exist for "informant" coverage. As of this date no authorization request has been necessary by this office.

1 - Mr. Williams

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Rourlet dated December 23, 1957.

The Bureau has been discouraging field offices from designating sources in citizens councils as potential security informants or security informants inasmuch as it is realized problems will arise concerning contacts with these sources and the maintenance of a pending file on each in a current status. These sources may be designated as confidential sources, panel sources or sources of information whichever would better suit each particular case.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Savannah raised question as to designation of sources in citizens councils as PSIs or SIs, inasmuch as to designate them as such would require contacts every two weeks and the file would have to be maintained in a pending status. For these reasons the field in the past has been discouraged from so designating these sources. Also to designate them as PSIs or SIs would require submission of comprehensive background information which is not required otherwise.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41) DATE: December 23, 1957

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulets 10/9/57 and 12/2/57.

Fifty-four separate Citizens Councils have been organized within the Eastern District of South Carolina since the Fall of 1955. There is no Citizens Council located within that portion of Georgia covered by the Savannah Office. Of the 54 Councils in South Carolina, 12 have shown some activity during recent months. Thirty-one have been inactive for more than a year, 5 have been inactive for more than six months. The present status of the remaining six is yet to be determined.

In two of the 12 active Councils, we have two Bureau approved Potential Security Informants furnishing information concerning activities of the Councils. [redacted] provides information concerning the Council at Hemingway, S. C. and [redacted] the second PSI, provides information concerning the Lower Richland White Citizens Council at Hopkins, S. C. [redacted] were not approved originally by the Bureau for their potential in Citizens Council matters but because of their potential in coverage of Klan activities. Both however do provide current information concerning the two councils mentioned.

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In seven other Councils of the 12 active groups, Bureau approval has been requested for the purpose of making initial contacts in order to develop an informant in each of these seven Councils. It is contemplated that similar Bureau authorization will be sought within the near future with respect to the remaining three of the 12 active Councils.

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As indicated in mylet 10/23/57, it is not contemplated that efforts will be made to develop informants within those Councils which have had no activity within the past six months.

As also indicated in mylet 10/23/57, we have a file pending on each of the 54 Councils. UACB, these files will remain in a pending status. Administrative memoranda will be posted or, if desirable, some of the files will be placed in a pending inactive status if warranted.

With reference to the requirement in Bulet 10/9/57 that the December letter list the names and symbol numbers of all individuals developed since the inception of this program, it is noted that [redacted] are not being listed in this category because they were actually developed prior to the initiation of this program. Bureau approval has not been received as yet for development of any of the seven individuals concerning whom recommendations have already been made.

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I indicated in mylet 10/23/57, that once an individual was contacted with Bureau approval, and showed willingness to cooperate, a separate file in classification #134 would be opened concerning him and, thereafter, contacts with him would be handled in the same manner as contacts with PSI's and SI's. The Bureau's specific advice is requested as to whether all the requirements governing PSI and SI contacts in the past will govern the contacts with these individuals under development for the exclusive purpose of providing information concerning Citizens Councils. Should these Citizen Councils informants be governed by the usual PSI requirements, I am of the opinion the likelihood of embarrassment to the Bureau will be increased. For example, certain background investigation not stipulated in Bulet of 10/9/57 is required for PSI's. As a further example, it is noted that contacts are required with PSI's at least every two weeks. Some of these Citizens Councils meet very irregularly and only occasionally. Good judgment would not indicate frequent contact with an individual regarding the rare meetings of a Council.

Set forth below are the names and Savannah file numbers of the 54 Citizens Councils in the Eastern District of South Carolina, broken down into the following categories:

(1) ACTIVE - 12

Hemingway Citizens Council, Hemingway, S. C.
#105-182

[redacted], a Bureau approved PSI, is a member of this Council, which meets irregularly about once every two months. These meetings are apparently called, and dinner is served. [redacted] has promised to keep the Savannah Office informed on activities of this Council. [redacted] was approved as a Potential Security Informant by Bulet 12/18/56, Bufile [redacted] Savannah file [redacted]

Lower Richland White Citizens Council,
Hopkins, South Carolina
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This Council is active. Monthly meetings are held at the Lower Richland School gymnasium near Columbia, [redacted] is a member of this Council and furnishes information regarding its activities. [redacted] has been a Bureau approved Potential Security Informant since 1/9/57, Bufile [redacted] Savannah file [redacted]

Kingstree Citizens Council
Kingstree, South Carolina
#105-185

Bureau authority has been requested to contact [redacted] a member of this Council, for information concerning its activities.

Citizens Council
Lamar, South Carolina
#105-187

This Council is active at the present time. It is contemplated that within the near future, the name of a prospective informant therein will be submitted to the Bureau for approval.

The Clarendon Citizens Council
Manning, South Carolina
#105-189

This Council elected new officers in about August, 1957, but has not since held a meeting. The Bureau has been requested to authorize development of [redacted] a member, for coverage of its activities. [redacted] for some years, has furnished reliable information to the FBI.

Florence School District #1 Citizens Council
Florence, South Carolina
#105-197

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This Council meets occasionally. Bureau authority has been requested to contact [redacted] for development as an informant concerning its activities.

District #1 Citizens Council
Lobeco, South Carolina
#105-202

This Council holds meetings about once a month. It is contemplated that within the near future, the Bureau will be requested to authorize contact with a member, probably [redacted] for development as an informant within this group.

North Charleston Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
#105-211

This Council meets occasionally. The last session was held on 11/7/57 for discussion of a proposed bond issue for recreational facilities. By letter dated 12/17/57, the Bureau was requested to authorize contact with [redacted] a member, for coverage of the Council's activities.

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The Bishopville Citizens Council
Bishopville, South Carolina
#105-223

This Council meets rather frequently. The Bureau has been requested to authorize development of [redacted] a member for coverage of its activities. He has furnished reliable information to the FBI for about ten years.

Citizens Council of Sumter County
Sumter, South Carolina
#105-231

This Council has been active during the past few months. The Bureau has been requested to authorize development of [redacted] a member, for coverage of its activities.

Savannah River Citizens Council
North Augusta, South Carolina
#105-295

This Council is active at the present time. It is expected that coverage of its activities can be secured from [redacted] and Bureau approval for initial contact with him or some other prospect will be sought within the near future.

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Horry County Citizens Council
Conway, South Carolina
#105-337

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This Council was organized in September, 1957. [redacted] is aware of the activities of the organization. Bureau authority has been requested to contact him for informant coverage.

(2) INACTIVE FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR - 31

Citizens Council
Bamberg, South Carolina
#105-174

Branchville Citizens Council
Branchville, South Carolina
#105-176

Citizens Council
Cameron, South Carolina
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Edisto Citizens Council
Cope, South Carolina
#105-179

Greeleyville Citizens Council
Greeleyville, South Carolina
#105-181

Kershaw County Citizens Council
Kershaw County, South Carolina
#105-184

Lake City Citizens Council
Lake City, South Carolina
#105-186

Lane-Salters Citizens Council
Lane, South Carolina
#105-188

Citizens Council
Summerton, South Carolina
#105-195

Indiantown Citizens Council
Indiantown School District
Hemingway, South Carolina
#105-208

Earles-Trio Citizens Council
Earles Community,
Williamsburg County, South Carolina
#105-209

Johns Island-Wadmalaw Island Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
#105-212

Moultrie School District Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
#105-213

St. Andrew's Parish Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
#105-214

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St. Paul's School District Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
#105-215

James Island Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
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Coward Citizens Council
Coward, South Carolina
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Allendale County Citizens Council
Allendale, South Carolina
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Citizens Council
Swansea, South Carolina
#105-222

Citizens Council
St. Matthews, South Carolina
#105-224

Johnsonville Citizens Council
Johnsonville, South Carolina
#105-233

Timmonsville Citizens Council
Timmonsville, South Carolina
#105-234

Jasper County Citizens Council
Ridgeland, South Carolina
#105-235

Charleston Citizens Council, Inc.
Charleston, South Carolina
#105-236

Citizens Council
Harleyville, South Carolina
#105-237

Citizens Council
St. George, South Carolina
#105-238

County-wide Citizens Council
Darlington, South Carolina
#105-260

New Zion-Turbeville, South Carolina
Citizens Council
#105-281

Citizens Council
Pamplico, South Carolina
#105-283

Hebron-Cades Citizens Council
Hebron, South Carolina
#105-285

Ridgeville Citizens Council
Ridgeville, South Carolina
#105-302

3. INACTIVE FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS - 5

Olanta Citizens Council
Olanta, South Carolina
#105-192

Citizens Council
Orangeburg, South Carolina
#105-193

The North Hartsville Citizens Council
Hartsville, South Carolina
#105-204

Lynchburg Citizens Council
Lynchburg, South Carolina
#105-225

Columbia Citizens Council, Inc.
Columbia, South Carolina
#105-276

4. PRESENT STATUS UNDETERMINED - 6

Citizens Council
Elloree, South Carolina
#105-171

Bowman Citizens Council
Bowman, South Carolina
#105-175

Citizens Council
Holly Hill, Eutawville, Vance,
Providence Section, South Carolina
#105-183

Citizens Council
North, South Carolina
#105-190

Norway Citizens Council
Norway, South Carolina
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Citizens Council
Springfield, South Carolina
#105-194

TOTAL - 54.

This program will continue to receive my close personal attention.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: January 29, 1958

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Remylet 1/27/58.

The following corrections should be made on Page 2. The Savannah file has been corrected.

[redacted] who was approved as a source of information by BuLet 12/26/57, should be listed as [redacted]

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The Savannah File Number for The Bishopville Citizens Council should be 105-223 rather than 105-187.

The Savannah File Number for the Hemingway Citizens Council should be listed as 105-182 rather than 105-187.

These errors were made by a new employee and no administrative action is recommended. Notation of the errors is being made in her personnel folder.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(105-34237-41)~~ DATE: 1/27/58

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Atlanta and other offices 10/9/57.

Of the 54 separate Citizens Councils which now exist in the state of South Carolina within the Eastern District, covered by the Savannah Office, 42 are inactive. The remaining 12 are classified as active, although several of these hold no regularly scheduled meetings.

The Bureau has approved Sources of Information in six of these 12. We have Bureau approved PSI's in two others. Permission has been requested for a definite contact in one case; background information being developed in one case, and we have two cases in which efforts are continuing to determine suitable sources of information for development.

Set forth below are the categories in which these 12 cases now fall.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION APPROVED BY THE BUREAU - SIX

Citizens Council, Sumter County, South Carolina
#105-231

[redacted] approved by Bulet 1/6/58.

Florence School District Number One
Florence, South Carolina
#105-197

[redacted] approved by Bulet 12/27/57.

Kingstree Citizens Council
Kingstree, South Carolina
#105-185 RECORDED - 39

[redacted] approved by Bulet 12/27/57.

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The Clarendon Citizens Council
Manning, South Carolina
#105-189

[redacted] approved by Bulet 1/3/58.

North Charleston Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
#105-211

[redacted] approved by Bulet 12/26/57.

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The Bishopville Citizens Council
Bishopville, South Carolina
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[redacted] approved by Bulet 1/3/58.

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COVERAGE OBTAINED BY BUREAU APPROVED PSI's - TWO

Hemingway Citizens Council
Hemingway, South Carolina
#105-182

Coverage effected through PSI [redacted]

Lower Richland White Citizens Council
Hopkins, South Carolina
#105-203

Coverage effected through PSI [redacted]

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DEVELOPMENT OF SOURCES OF INFORMATION UNDER CONSIDERATION - FOUR

Citizens Council
Lamar, South Carolina
#105-187

[redacted] Bureau permission requested 1/13/58 to contact

District No. 1, Citizens Council
Lobeco, South Carolina
#105-202

[redacted], Background information being obtained concerning for submission to Bureau for contact approval. b6 b7C b7D

Horry County Citizens Council
Conway, South Carolina
#105-337;

Savannah River Citizens Council
North Augusta, South Carolina
#105-295

Efforts are continuing to develop sources within these two councils.

Bureau will note from the above that six councils listed on page nine of mylet, 12/23/57, under "present status undetermined" are now included in the 42 councils which are inactive at this time.

Inasmuch as the newly developed sources within the councils, other than the regular PSI's, are being considered as Sources of Information, this office will not open a separate case file in classification 134, regarding each of these individuals, as previously contemplated.

Since submission of our last monthly letter in this matter, legal efforts have been instituted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to force integration in Atlanta schools. Thus far, no such action has been instituted within the Southern District of Georgia, nor has there been any report of such an effort within the Eastern District of South Carolina. As the Bureau has previously been advised, there is no Citizens Council within that portion of Georgia covered by the Savannah Office.

Generally speaking, these councils in South Carolina are carrying on their affairs openly and continuing as in the past, to be under the leadership of leading citizens in their respective communities.

- Liaison Section
- Mr. Williams

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Date: February 27, 1958

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

There are being furnished you herewith for your information two copies of a memorandum dated February 21, 1958, prepared by the Savannah Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosures - 2

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
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1 - AAG W. Wilson White (By Form 0-6, same date) (Enclosure)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-49) DATE: 2/21/58

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
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Enclosed is item for dissemination if desired.

Indices of the Savannah Office have been searched and contain nothing derogatory concerning any of the officers listed in attached memorandum.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to*
*File No.*

Post Office Box 948
Savannah, Georgia
February 21, 1958

CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

Set forth below in its entirety is an article which appeared in the February 14, 1958 issue of "The News & Courier," a daily newspaper published at Charleston, South Carolina, under the caption "Olanta Man Heads Citizens Councils":

"SUMTER, Feb. 13 -- B. A. Graham, Olanta farmer and insurance man, is the new chairman of the Assn. of South Carolina Citizens Councils. He accepted the chairmanship today at an executive committee meeting in Sumter.

"Dr. W. M. Croswell of Timmonsville was reelected vice chairman of the state organization and H. L. Bowling of Elloree was retained as treasurer.

"The executive committee discussed at length in their meeting today the necessity for Citizens Councils to work toward 'getting people registered to vote.' The committee also discussed what it termed 'soft spots' in many college faculties.

"Graham, who has been active in the South Carolina Grange movement and once served as state master, is also a former chairman of the grange tobacco committee. Offices of the association will be moved to Olanta from Sumter. Graham succeeds Tom Keels of Sumter as state chairman. Former

"Graham also announced today that a meeting of the association board of directors will be held shortly. The new chairman had been nominated for the post at the December meeting of the executive committee, but it was not until today that he formally accepted the position.

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"The association was set up several years ago and Emery Rogers of Summerton served as its executive secretary until poor health forced him to resign and return to his law practice. Since Rogers' resignation full responsibility of the state office has rested with the chairman. There has been some discussion recently concerning an executive secretary for the association and that part of the program may be undertaken in the near future.

"Each citizens council in the state is an independent organization and may or may not be affiliated with the state association. However, most of them are members of the state group.

"Five of the nine member executive committee attended today's meeting here."

This is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-~~41~~ 49) DATE: 2/25/58

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to Atlanta and other offices 10/9/57.

On the basis of current information it is estimated that 42 of the existing 54 Citizens Councils within the Savannah Division, all in the State of South Carolina, continue to remain in an inactive status. The remaining 12 show varying degrees of activity, none intensive. As developments occur in these councils, letterhead memoranda are submitted to the Bureau under individual captions.

Coverage within these 12 active councils remains the same as set forth in mylet 1/27/58 with the exception of Citizens Council, Lamar, S. C., Savannah file 105-187, in which [redacted] was approved for contact by Bulet 1/23/58. Efforts are still continuing to develop sources within three of the councils. We have coverage in the other nine.

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The Association of South Carolina Citizens Councils, a state-wide organization in which most if not all the local councils hold membership, has a new chairman. He is B. A. GRAHAM, of Olanta, a farmer and insurance man who accepted the position on 2/13/58. A separate memorandum for dissemination is being submitted to the Bureau concerning the state group.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-49) DATE: March 24, 1958

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBuLet to Atlanta and other offices, 10/9/57.

Contact with [redacted] for possible development as a PSI was authorized by BuLet 3/12/58, Savannah File [redacted] Although it is anticipated the bulk of information furnished by [redacted], if any, will concern Klan matters, it is noted he is familiar with activities of the Savannah River Citizens Council at North Augusta, S. C. He will be contacted with reference to activities within this council and, UACB, will be considered informant coverage with respect to that council.

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This office now has informant coverage within ten of the twelve Citizens Councils within our territory in South Carolina which have shown some degree of activity during recent months. Those in which we do not have coverage are the Horry County, S. C. Citizens Council, Conway, S. C., Savannah File 105-337, and District #1 Citizens Council, Lobeco, S. C., Savannah File 105-202. Efforts to obtain coverage within these councils are being intensified and it is hoped that by the time the next monthly letter is submitted, we will have made necessary recommendations to the Bureau.

We are continuing to check upon activities within the fifty-four Citizens Councils in the Eastern District of South Carolina. For the Bureau's information there is very little present activity of any nature. Anything of any consequence whatever is being brought to the Bureau's attention promptly in the individual Citizens Councils files by letterhead memorandum for dissemination if considered appropriate by the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-49) DATE: 4/21/58

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulet to Atlanta and other offices dated 10/9/57.

This office has heretofore reported the existence of 54 separate Citizens Councils within this division, all of them located in the EDSC. Our last monthly summary letter dated 3/24/58 advised we had informant coverage within 10 of the 12 Citizens Councils which had shown some degree of activity during recent months. 42 councils remain inactive and we will continue to keep advised of the status of these councils. We now report the organization of a new Citizens Council at Aiken, South Carolina, SV 105-280. This group has had at least one meeting. Efforts are now under way to develop coverage of this group's activities.

By letter dated 4/11/58, authority was requested of the Bureau to contact [redacted] for coverage within the council at Lobeco, South Carolina, SV 105-202. b6 b7C b7D

Thus, activities of Citizens Councils in this case can now be summarized as follows:

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| Number of Councils in existence . . . . . | 55 |
| Number active . . . . . | 13 |
| Number in which informant coverage effected . . . . | 10 |
| Number in which informant coverage yet to be secured . | 3 |

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(Lobeco - SV 105-202; Aiken - SV 105-280 and Horry County - SV 105-337. It is noted Bureau approval has been requested for coverage in the Lobeco Council. Coverage previously recommended for the Horry Council was not suitable and a new recommendation will be forthcoming within the near future. Recommendations will also be made in the near future with respect to coverage in the Aiken Council.)

1 - Mr. Williams

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated May 1, 1958.

Bureau authority is granted to contact PSI [redacted] concerning the possibility of his furnishing information regarding citizens councils.

It should be made clear to [redacted] that the Bureau is not interested in the legitimate activities of these groups but is interested solely in violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly civil rights violations, or information concerning possible acts of violence.

Furnish Bureau promptly results of contact with [redacted] in this regard.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

By let 4/15/58 appropriate field offices were instructed to consider contacts with Klan informants and approved PSIs for purpose of developing them as sources in citizens councils. Savannah has advised [redacted] provides coverage of two small Klan units in Lee County, South Carolina, although he is not a member of either. It was recommended that [redacted] be contacted with a view toward developing him as a source in the citizens council at Bishopville, South Carolina. No information in Savannah letter or in Bufiles which would indicate contact with him in this regard to be inadvisable.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: May 1, 1958

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulet 4/15/58 to Atlanta and other offices, requesting review of available information regarding security informants and potential security informants for the purpose of determining which Klan informants might be suitable for membership in and coverage of activities of citizens councils.

The Savannah Office has three security informants and eight potential security informants as of this date. All three SI's cover Klan matters. One of the PSI's is located at Waycross, Ga., where there is no citizens council, and one other PSI is a Negro being developed for coverage of Nation of Islam matters. Thus, numerically, we have potential dual coverage on the part of six PSI's and three SI's.

In studying the data hereinafter set forth concerning the individual informants, attention is invited to a change in the status of two citizens councils previously reported as being inactive. One of these is the Olanta Citizens Council, Olanta, S. C., Bufile 105-42319-4, Savannah file 105-192. The other is the Greeleyville Citizens Council, Greeleyville, S. C., Bufile 105-41565, Savannah file 105-181.

As the Bureau was separately advised on 4/10/58, the Olanta Citizens Council held a meeting on 3/7/58 to hear a South Carolina Gubernatorial candidate. As the Bureau was also separately advised under date of 4/23/58, [redacted] well acquainted with many persons in Olanta, will provide coverage of any further meetings this council might hold. The Greeleyville Citizens Council has held one meeting during 1958, and this was for the purpose of hearing a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Because of these meetings by these two councils, it is felt they should be considered active rather than inactive, as previously reported. This means that 15 of the 55 citizens councils in existence within the Eastern District of South

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Carolina covered by the Savannah Office, are now classified active rather than 13, as referred to in mylet 4/21/58.

Pursuant to Bulet 4/15/58, there is set forth below an individual summary regarding each security informant and potential security informant of this division:

[redacted] affords coverage of Klavern #4, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Florence County, S. C. Informant lives in [redacted] which is in Florence County. There is a citizens council at Lake City. Informant is a [redacted] but this council is inactive. Should there develop any activity, [redacted] will furnish coverage. As the Bureau was advised on 4/23/58, [redacted] is well acquainted with many persons in Olanta, S. C., and will provide coverage of any future meetings this council might hold. No change is recommended, therefore, in status or coverage of this informant.

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[redacted] is an [redacted] Association of South Carolina Klans, West Columbia, S. C., and provides coverage of the activities of this klavern, which is in Lexington County, although adjacent to Columbia, the state capital, which is in Richland County. There is a citizens council at Columbia, but this council is inactive, and PSI [redacted] [redacted] keeps the Savannah Office currently advised as to its status. There is another citizens council in Richland County named the Lower Richland Citizens Council. This is located at Hopkins, S. C. This council is active, and [redacted] keeps the Savannah Division advised as to its activities. There is a citizens council at Swansea, S. C., which is also in Lexington County, but this council has been inactive since it was organized in November 1955. No change is recommended, therefore, in status or coverage of [redacted]

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[redacted] affords coverage of Klavern #9, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Williamsburg County, S. C. This informant lives at [redacted] which is in Williamsburg County. There is an active citizens council at Hemingway. Informant is a [redacted] and furnishes coverage as to its activities. No change is recommended, therefore, in status or coverage of this informant.

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PSI [redacted] is a [redacted] Knights of the KKK, Inc. He lives at [redacted], S. C., in Bamberg County. There is no Klan organization in Bamberg County at this time, but there is a citizens council at Bamberg, however, this council is not active. PSI [redacted] keeps the Savannah Office currently advised as to the status of this council. Should the council reopen its office or become active in any way, [redacted] will provide coverage. No change is recommended, therefore, in the status or coverage of this PSI.

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PSI [redacted] provides coverage of activities of Klavern #24, Association of South Carolina Klans, Kershaw, S. C., where he lives. There is a citizens council located at Kershaw, but this council is inactive. No change is recommended, therefore, in status or coverage of PSI [redacted]

PSI [redacted] is being developed to afford coverage of activities of the Augusta, Ga. Klavern of U. S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, Inc. There is no citizens council in Augusta, but PSI [redacted] of the [redacted] of the Citizens Council located at North Augusta, S. C., which is in the metropolitan area of Augusta, Ga. This council is considered active at the present time, and PSI [redacted] provides coverage of its activities. No change is recommended, therefore, in status or coverage of PSI [redacted]

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PSI [redacted] resides at [redacted] S. C., the county seat of Marlboro County. He is not a member of any Klan organization, as none is in existence in his county, but he is in a position to join such an organization should same become active there. He is on friendly terms with two leaders of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, Inc., in South Carolina. There is no citizens council in existence in Marlboro County. No change is recommended in status or coverage of PSI [redacted]

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PSI [redacted] affords coverage of activities of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, Inc., at Columbia, S. C., the county seat of Richland County. He is a

[redacted] of the Lower Richland White Citizens Council, Hopkins, S. C., and furnishes coverage of its activities. No change is recommended, therefore, in status or coverage of PSI [redacted]

PSI [redacted] provides coverage of two small Klan organizations in Lee County, S. C., although [redacted]. They are units of U. S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, Inc. and the Association of South Carolina Klans. He lives at [redacted] in Lee County. There is an active citizens council at Bishopville, which is also in Lee County. We have a source of information in this council, and although PSI [redacted] is not a Klan member, it is recommended that consideration be given by the Bureau to authorize contact with [redacted] with the view of developing him as an additional informant in the citizens council at Bishopville.

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PSI [redacted] is a Negro being developed for Nation of Islam coverage. PSI [redacted] is being developed for coverage of Klavern #78, U. S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, Inc., at Waycross, Ga. Because of [redacted] race and coverage, he affords no potential in the citizens council. There is no council located within that portion of Georgia covered by the Savannah Division, and PSI [redacted] therefore offers no potential for council coverage. No changes therfore, are recommended in the status or coverage of PSI's [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-49) DATE: May 26, 1958

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulet to Atlanta and other offices dated 10/9/57.

By letter dated 4/18/58, the Bureau approved contact with [redacted] as a source of information within District #1 Citizens Council located at Lobeco, S. C., Bufile #105-42686, Sv. file 105-202. b6 b7C b7D

This leaves three Citizens Councils within the Savannah territory in which sources of information have not been approved by the Bureau. They are (1) Citizens Council, Aiken, S. C., Sv. file 105-280; (2) Horry County Citizens Council, Conway, S. C., Sv. 105-337, Bufile 105-65964; and (3) Greeleyville Citizens Council, Greeleyville, S. C., Sv. 105-181, Bufile 105-41565.

Efforts are now being made to develop an appropriate source concerning the Aiken Council and the Bureau will be advised within the near future. This council became active only recently.

Two suggestions have been made for sources within the Horry County Council but neither has been entirely satisfactory. Efforts are continuing to secure adequate coverage.

By letter dated 5/12/58, the Bureau was advised that [redacted], an approved source of information concerning the Kingstree Citizens Council, Kingstree, S. C., would be utilized UACB as a source of information for the Greeleyville Citizens Council inasmuch as [redacted] stated he would be in a position to provide desired data concerning the Greeleyville organization. As this recommendation was made on a UACB basis, it is not felt sufficient time has elapsed for the Bureau to consider this matter and [redacted] is not yet being tabulated as an approved source for the Greeleyville Citizens Council. b6 b7C b7D

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There has been no change during the past 30 days in the number of existing councils within the territory, 55, or number of councils considered active, 15.

This monthly summary is ordinarily submitted to reach the Bureau by the 25th of each month. There has been a slight delay occasioned in this instance due to absence from the territory of the Special Agent who makes the monthly review and tabulation.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 6/16/58

FROM : SAC, Savannah (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL
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ReBulet to Savannah dated 5/12/58 captioned "Citizens Councils - IS-X".

On 5/23/58, [redacted] PSI, Savannah Division, was contacted by SA [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining activity, if any, of the Citizens Council at Bishopville, S. C., particularly if activity was such that would deny any citizen a right as guaranteed under the Constitution. [redacted] advised that Council was organized several years ago, that he was not a member, but that all meetings were open for the public and nothing of a secret nature was going on. He further advised that this council was not now active.

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SAC, Savannah (105-155)

June 19, 1958

Director, FBI (105-34237-49)

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ReBulet May 12, 1958, in which authority was granted for your office to contact PSI [redacted]

Reference is also made to Bulet to Atlanta dated June 13, 1958, captioned as above, copies to your office, discontinuing the program for developing sources in citizens councils.

In the event [redacted] has not already been contacted no contact should be made in line with instructions set forth in reBulet June 13, 1958. In the event he has already been contacted sulet results immediately.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 6/23/58

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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For the Bureau's information, the following action is being taken by this office in terminating the program for development of informant coverage within citizens councils.

We have 55 pending files on separate citizens councils existing within the Eastern District of South Carolina. 40 of these councils, as the Bureau has previously been advised, have shown no activity since prior to the program commenced, consequently no action has been taken to develop informant coverage within such councils.

We have maintained the files in a pending status, however, and have checked periodically to determine whether any change has occurred in the status of the councils. These 40 files are being closed.

We have 3 councils in which some degree of activity has been shown, but in which we have not thus far developed source coverage. These 3 files are being closed.

We have 12 councils in which some degree of activity has been shown and in which we have established Bureau approved sources of information. The files concerning these 12 councils are being maintained in a pending, active, assigned status for the purpose of maintaining coverage.

All the 55 councils referred to above are located within the Eastern District of South Carolina. There are no citizens councils within that portion of Georgia covered by the Savannah Office.

No further monthly summary concerning the status of citizens councils within this territory will be forthcoming in the absence of contrary instructions.

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# Citizens Councils Must Be Strong To Protect S.C. If Crisis Comes

This is an editorial on the citizens council movements. Those readers who think this isn't fit hot weather fare may want to turn to the comic page and follow the adventures of Li'l Abner among the senoritas.

But leaving temperatures aside, a discussion of citizens councils in South Carolina is timely. From reports we have received, the citizens council movement in South Carolina has been taking a siesta. While citizens councils across the South have been stepping up their organizational activities, South Carolina's councils have gone to sleep.

Some South Carolinians may say: So what? We asked ourselves that question. Is it necessary for the citizens councils to be tremendously active in the state at this time? Everything is quiet. Race relations are good. Why rock the boat?

Well, we don't believe the boat should be rocked. The good relations between the races should be maintained. South Carolinians have had firm leadership on the segregation front from Gov. Timmerman. We know that our next governor, Ernest F. Hollings, will use all his considerable ability to protect separation of the races. We also know that the General Assembly is like a rock. It will enact whatever legislation is needed to prevent disruption by outside forces.

Nevertheless, The News and Courier believes that a vigorous citizens council movement is needed in this state. While things are peaceful now, the situation can change. In fact, it is clear that trouble won't stay away from our door forever. Virginia is in turmoil this summer as the NAACP pushes its massive enrollment tactics.

Five Virginia cities are under court order to integrate this fall. All sorts of legal devices are being employed in the hope that public schools may be kept open, but there is not much cause for optimism. Troops could be sent into Charlottesville, Richmond, Newport News, Norfolk or Arlington in September.

If Virginia, or any embattled area, is to survive assaults on its independence, citizens must be prepared. People must know how to act when pressure is applied. They must have a clear understanding of their legal rights.

The citizens council movement is the Southern grass roots organization that can help people become prepared for the day when pressure is applied to them. It is not enough for a governor or legislature to be firm. There must be intensive county by county, ward by ward preparation.

The citizens council movement in South Carolina should include representatives from all sections of the community. Men of substance in their communities should play an active role in council affairs. The best minds and the most independent men are needed as leaders. On the state level, there should be a highly qualified administrator for the councils. It should be required that dues be paid in order that the members may be serviced with up-to-the-minute information.

There is no need for a lot of hullabaloo about integration. But there should be a great deal of quiet preparation and study. The citizens councils of South Carolina are nothing less than a good insurance policy for the state.

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CITIZENS COUNCIL

# Little Rock Speaker Tells of Resistance

The president of the Little Rock, Ark. Capital Citizens Council told a gathering of area citizen council members, "we are standing pat and not weakening under the bombardment of integrationist propaganda."

The Rev. Leslie Pruden addressed a group of approximately 200 at the McClenaghan High School last night. S.C. Ark.

Rev. Mr. Pruden referred to Little Rock as the "embattled city."

"I don't believe that we in Little Rock will ever accept integration regardless of what Communist left wingers such as Virgil Blossom, a Little Rock school administrator, Mayor Woodrow Mann and editor Harry Ashmore say or do."

Rev. Mr. Pruden referred to the United States Supreme Court, the FBI and other governmental agencies as being communist infested groups who "are against us."

Rev. Mr. Pruden pointed out at present, four of Little Rock's finest schools are closed because Governor Orval Faubus has not relented in his fight for segregation.

"All of our white children are now in schools, thanks to the private school committee of Little Rock," he added. "The colored children are not in schools."

**"I believe we are approaching our finest hour and as Winston Churchill said, 'we will fight until victory is ours,'" Rev. Mr. Pruden said.**

Mr. Pruden claimed that the Capital Citizens Council has had to battle insurmountable odds.

"We are standing on high legal and moral ground," Mr. Pruden asserted, "and if we stand together as George Washington marshaled his troops, we will be victorious."

Rev. Mr. Pruden placed the blame of government troops being sent to Little Rock on Mayor Mann. He referred to this as the greatest blunder he had ever heard of from a public official.

**"Virgil Blossom came to Little Rock years ago for the express purpose of integrating our schools," Rev. Mr. Pruden said.**

He also said that when Central High School was integrated, Central High principal Jess Mathews took measures to punish 75 white students for misbehavior, but only one colored student was punished.

Rev. Mr. Pruden said that his audience in Conway Wednesday was held down because integrationists spread the word that he was an integrationist and as a result the populace did not turn out.

The Rev. Mr. Pruden was introduced by Rev. M. A. Woodson. Presiding was George L. Ivey, chairman of the District 1 Citizens Council.

Also in attendance were Mayor David McLeod, Congressman John L. McMillan, Barney Dusenbury, George Sam Harrell of the House of Representatives, B. A. Graham, chairman of the South Carolina Citizens Councils.

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CONGRESSMEN SPEAK—Attending a meeting of the Charleston County Citizens Councils last night were (left to right) Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Sullivan of The Citadel, U. S. Rep. John Bell Williams of Miss., S. C. Rep. Nat W. Cabell, George W. Seabrook Jr. and U. S. Rep. L. Mendel Rivers. Mr. Rivers and Mr. Williams were guest speakers at the meeting. (Staff Photo by Nettles).

# Congressmen Urge Continuing Fight For Segregation

Two U.S. congressmen last night leveled severe criticism at the U.S. Supreme Court and called for a continued fight against integration.

About 500 persons heard U.S. Rep. L. Mendel Rivers of Charleston and U.S. Rep. John Bell Williams of Miss. speak at a meeting of Charleston County Citizens Councils.

Both congressmen predicted that the fight for states' rights would be harder under the "liberal-packed Congress" which will convene in January. They also held out little hope of changing any court decision during the next Congress.

The two men delivered scathing attacks against the Supreme Court for its "leftist-favoring decisions of recent years.

MR. RIVERS accused the court of "spending more time defending the rights of Communists than any other group on earth save and excepting the NAACP whose membership is far from free of Communism."

He cited statistics on the number of cases involving Communists or subversives on which the Supreme Court has acted and how the several members of the court voted on those cases.

Referring to a third party Mr. Rivers said organizations like the Citizens' Councils are needed to act as a "nucleus for the course which we may be forced to take. And I mean a third party — a realignment of parties. A third party could well be born here tonight and it would have my support."

Mr. Williams declared the preservation of states' rights necessary if the dignity of local government is to be maintained.

"IT IS THROUGH the distribution of powers—not the concentration of powers—that liberty is preserved," he said.

Mr. Williams deplored conditions in Washington, D.C. public schools which "have deteriorated under integration." Referring to his work on a committee which investigated the Washington schools, Mr. Williams cited statistics on illegitimacy and venereal disease among students and the educational standing of the schools.

He said there also was a growing public resentment against court decisions favoring integration and persons who favored it. He cited as an example in Arkansas where U.S. Rep. Brooks Hays of Arkansas losing his seat in Congress after 16 years because of his apparently mild stand on segregation.

MR. WILLIAMS said the Citizens Councils in Mississippi are the main force in preserving states' rights there. He said the councils provided the first organized resistance to pressure from integrationists; provided hope for the people in the fight for the rights which are theirs; inaugurated an extensive education and information program for the public and have changed the thinking of segregation "moderates".

"Citizens' Council members are not the night riders the Northerners think they are," Mr. Williams said.

He called for leadership which transcends party lines—for Congressmen who will vote as they promise during political campaigns. The best "we can expect out of the next Congress is to hold the line," he said.

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*Administrator Says:*

# Offense Is Basic Strategy Of Miss. Citizens Councils

By JACK ROACH
(Evening Post Staff Writer)

"Offense—not defense."

That's the basic strategy of the Mississippi Citizens Councils, according to William Simmons, administrator of the Association of the Citizens Councils of Mississippi.

Mr. Simmons was in Charleston yesterday with U.S. Rep. John Bell Williams of Mississippi who spoke at a meeting of Charleston County Citizens Councils last night.

Mr. Simmons explained that the Mississippi group actively campaigns against pro-integration groups in order to prevent their bringing suits or ever appearing in court on the segregation issue.

"Integration needs a pro-integration school board, police chief, city mayor, and at least a neutral if not a pro-integration state government." Mr. Simmons said. "We don't have these in Mississippi and we don't expect to have them as a result of our Citizens Council work.

"In Mississippi," Mr. Simmons continued, "we feel we shouldn't wait until our opponents have established themselves through a court order. Rather we feel we must educate the public and actively oppose the integration groups."

Mr. Simmons, who serves as editor of the Citizens Council newspaper and is in charge of radio and television programs, said more than eight million pieces of literature were distributed last year as part of the information and education program.

WILLIAM SIMMONS
"we must educate . . ."

Last year, Mr. Simmons continued, the Citizens Council of the city of Jackson conducted a survey in order to determine the attitude of the people towards a private school system. "And we found 7,000 families that were interested in such a system," he added.

"At the same time," Mr. Simmons emphasized, "we have adopted a wait-and-see attitude. We know more now than we did last year and we expect to learn more next year than we did this year about just what is the federal government's attitude toward public schools.

"We have changed our thinking a little on the private school system. At first we thought of closing the public schools and inaugurating the private system. Now we feel we should have the private system ready to put into operation but wait until the federal government 'occupies' our schools before opening the private system. We want to see just how many schools the federal government thinks it can close."

Mr. Simmons, a resident of Jackson, said Citizens Councils have been organized in 67 of Mississippi's 82 counties and have a total membership of 85,000 persons.

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# Councils Must Be Alert To Keep Out Klansmen

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's Citizens' Councils today face a challenge of the first magnitude —that of preventing an infiltration of Ku Klux Klansmen into their ranks, with all the tragic consequences which could result.

This far, the Councils have been a stabilizing influence in race relations throughout the state, despite the uninformed accusations of do-gooders, submissionists, and integrationists who seek to undermine their effectiveness. From the very beginning, Citizens' Councils in South Carolina have reflected an orderly, mature determination to preserve racial segregation without resort to violence or lawlessness. Their record speaks for itself.

But that record stems directly from the quality of leadership and of membership which make up the Councils. The importance of that is emphasized in a statement from the Councils themselves, for in June of 1956, a declaration from the Association of Citizens' Councils of South Carolina had this to say:

". . . .The Citizens' Councils of South Carolina have been determined that the caliber of the leaders of the local Councils should be high. . . .The aim of the Councils has been to secure as leaders those men in the various communities who are substantially identified with the life and organization of the community, who have evidenced sound judgment in handling community problems, who have earned and merit the respect of the community, and who are dedicated to the cause and determined to uphold it, yet, who realize the responsibility that leadership entails."

At present, that sort of leadership is being put to the test by the manifest efforts of Ku Klux Klansmen to move into, and in some instances to take over, the Citizens' Councils. The Klan itself has been so thoroughly discredited in South Carolina that so-called "rallies" now lean heavily upon out-of-state Klansmen to make any show of strength whatever.

As a consequence, the heavy-handed Klansmen are finding themselves without any organization from which they can milk dues and other fees, or through which they can exert their cowardly, secretive malice toward whites and blacks alike. But as they realize that fact, they also see before them dozens of established, respectable Citizens' Councils and they visualize the possibility of perverting those Councils to their own use.

The effort is being made in some parts of the state already, and apparently with some small success. For one thing, the Klansmen are concealing their KKK identities, although they occasionally tip their hands with outbursts of anti-Semitism (which has no place in the Citizens' Councils movement). For another, the Klansmen are subscribing outwardly to the aims and objects of the Citizens' Councils, although obviously crossing their fingers over pledges to work peaceably.

All this makes it difficult for legitimate Council members to crack down on persons professing to be in sympathy with the movement. Nevertheless, the Councils occasionally found it necessary to do so when they first began to flourish in 1955, and they may find it necessary to do so again to preserve their integrity.

The strength and the influence of the Citizens' Councils, not only in South Carolina but throughout the South, is based fundamentally on the acceptance accorded them by the substantial elements of the communities in which they are active. Once that acceptance is lost — and lost it will be if the Klan moves in — then the effectiveness of the movement will be at an end.

The position is a difficult one, for the Councils may find themselves beset by enemies from without and subversion from within. Too much is at stake, however, for the threat to be overlooked. Council members cannot shrug off the possibility of Klan infiltration. And if they wait too long to face up to the problem, the damage may be already done. Many a worthwhile movement has degenerated into nothingness through the laxity and indifference of its original membership. The Citizens' Councils of South Carolina should see that no such fate awaits them.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-49) DATE: 12/17/58

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

Enclosed herewith is letterhead memo for dissemination if desired.

As reflected in this memo, there appears to be some effort on the part of the Klan in South Carolina to infiltrate or dominate citizens' councils in South Carolina. This matter will be closely followed and any information in this regard will be furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

Charlotte Office requested to report any information received through informants or other sources in this connection.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANT

SV. T-1 is [redacted] S. C., whose identity was protected by request.

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Savannah, Georgia
December 17, 1958

CITIZENS' COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

In a news article appearing in THE STATE, a daily newspaper published at Columbia, S. C., on December 14, 1958, it was reported that a citizens' council had been formed in Darlington, S. C. WALLACE L. HOWELL was named as chairman. Chairman HOWELL said "the purpose of the citizens council is to educate, inform, and mold public opinion of the danger that confronts us and to coordinate with other councils throughout the state and nation. Citizens' Councils are firm believers in fundamental Christianity, constitutional government, states' rights, and individual liberty. They do not believe in hatred, prejudice, or anything that would destroy good will between the races. They are preservers of everything that is good and decent."

On December 11, 1958, Savannah Confidential Informant T-1, a prominent citizen who is active in the work of citizens' councils in the State of South Carolina, advised that in the citizen's council groups in South Carolina, there are two types of thinking. He described the one group as being conservative and they do not knowingly permit radical thinkers to become members or leaders in the councils. He stated that the second group is not as careful in selecting its members and leaders. As a result, according to this informant, some of the citizens' council groups are being dictated to and led by the Association of Citizens' Councils of South Carolina, which is headed by B. A. GRAHAM, of Olanta, South Carolina. SV. T-1 stated that recently the citizens' councils of South Carolina had a meeting in Sumter, S. C., at which time GRAHAM was elected as chairman of the Association of South Carolina Citizens' Councils, having been elected in preference to a more conservative slate of officers which had been proposed by the Sumter, S. C. Citizens' Council and eleven other citizens' councils in South Carolina. Informant stated that as a result of the election of GRAHAM, the Sumter group had withdrawn from the Association of Citizens' Councils of South Carolina, and several other chapters had followed the same action.

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SV. T-1 advised that the chapters under the leadership of GRAHAM are not opposed to receiving members who have been active in the Klan movement. This informant stated that GRAHAM and [redacted] of Hartsville, S. C. subscribe to this policy. b6 b7C

In a news article datelined Olanta, S. C., appearing in the NEWS AND COURIER, a daily newspaper published in Charleston, S. C., on December 14, 1958, BAXTER A. GRAHAM, Chairman of the Association of Citizens Councils of South Carolina, was quoted as saying that the councils were not and would not be dominated by the Ku Klux Klan. GRAHAM made the statement in reference to an earlier report that KKK members in some parts of the state were seeking to infiltrate and take over the citizens' councils. GRAHAM said that both he and the Reverend M. A. WOODSON, a Baptist minister serving as a field representative for the State Association, have repeatedly stated that the councils have no intention of becoming "dressed up Klans." GRAHAM was further quoted as saying "We do not advocate any violence and we are not asking any Klansmen to come in for the purpose of taking over. We don't want to hurt anybody's feelings, but I want to make it plain that we don't want any such infiltration or domination." The article stated that there are presently 59 citizens' councils in South Carolina, with individual memberships ranging from 50 up to 2300 (Sumter's being the largest).

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In a news article appearing in THE STATE, a daily newspaper published in Columbia, South Carolina, on February 7, 1959, it was reported that in a day marked by torrid debate and closed-door sessions, two of the three officers of the State Association of Citizens' Councils had resigned. Members of the winning group, predominantly Sumter and Florence Citizens' Council members, had criticized "inaction" of the state organization, according to the article. Those resigning were Chairman B. A. Graham, Olanta merchant, farmer, and cattleman, and Treasurer H. L. Bowling, of Elloree. A contractor from Timmonsville, S. C. was named as chairman until a new one is elected or until the term expires. It was announced that the meeting had been attended by about 45 executive committeemen, directors, and officers.

A news article in THE STATE on February 11, 1959, reported that the Association of Citizens' Councils of South Carolina, Inc. was issued a non-profit charter Tuesday, February 10, 1959, by Secretary of State O. FRANK THORNTON. B. A. GRAHAM, of Olanta, was listed as chairman, and H. L. BOWLING, of Elloree, was named as secretary and treasurer. The organization stated in the charter it was "dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order, and domestic tranquility in our community, and in our state, and to the preservation of our states' rights."

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SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

In a news article appearing in "The News and Courier", a daily newspaper published at Charleston, South Carolina, on February 20, 1959, it was reported that the State Association of Citizens Councils named John Adger Manning of Columbia, South Carolina, chairman and appointed Farley Smith of Lynchburg executive secretary. Other officers elected are William Lowndes of Greenville, treasurer, and M. A. Woodson of Olanta, recording secretary. According to the article, the appointments are subject to acceptance by those named. The article further reflects that Dr. William A. Crosland of Timmonsville will continue as vice chairman.

According to this article, the Thursday session followed a meeting at Orangeburg on February 6, 1959, which saw some 17 persons walk out. The departing group represented Citizens Councils at Sumter, reported to be the largest in the state, Florence, Lake City, Wagener, and North Augusta, as well as others.

A news article in "The Columbia Record", a daily newspaper published at Columbia, South Carolina, on February 20, 1959, reported that Farley Smith, Lynchburg, a plantation owner, has been named executive secretary of the Association of Citizens Councils of South Carolina. According to the article, the group has been without a full-time secretary since Emory Rogers, Summerton attorney, last served. This article reflects Smith, the son of the late U. S. Senator Ellison D. Smith, said in accepting the position that he regretted that present conditions "make it imperative that we organize ourselves as an effective force to combat highly organized outside influences."

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Savannah, Georgia
March 13, 1959

CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

In a news article appearing in the COLUMBIA RECORD, Columbia, South Carolina, March 5, 1959, by BOB PIERCE, it was reported that the South Carolina Citizens Councils were planning a possible survey of South Carolina communities to determine facilities available for private schools. The new executive secretary, FARLEY SMITH, son of the late E. D. SMITH, U. S. Senator for 36 years, said that the survey would include the potential facilities for schools and teachers "so that if and when the NAACP should bring a suit they shall not catch us as unprepared as they caught Virginia."

SMITH was quoted as saying that the first massive drive planned by the councils is an intensive campaign in the upper Piedmont section of South Carolina, where no council is now active. Among the new officers in the Citizens Councils is WILLIAM LOWNDES, a textile executive of Greenville, S. C., who was named treasurer. SMITH stated that the Citizens Councils have no intention of making any compromise where the segregation of the races is concerned, and there was to be no partial or token integration. He said that they wanted to be prepared to carry out peacefully with as much order as possible the transition from public to private schools should that become necessary. In commenting upon statements made by northern critics concerning the Citizens Councils, SMITH was quoted as saying that "any organization, regardless of who it is led by or what caliber of man it is led by, will always be considered a militant organization or too militant an organization so long as they stand up and say they're for separation of the races."

Among other officers of the State Association of Citizens Councils are JOHN ADGER MANNING, of Columbia, Chairman; Dr. W. M. CROSSWELL, of Timmonsville, Vice-Chairman; and the Rev. M. A. WOODSON, of Olanta, Recording Secretary.

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SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

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March 27, 1959
Savannah, Georgia

CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

In a newspaper article appearing in THE NEWS AND COURIER, a daily newspaper published in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 19, 1959, under the dateline of Sumter, S. C., it was reported that the South Carolina Association of Citizens Councils would launch a statewide survey to determine what facilities are available for private schools. FARLEY SMITH, Executive Secretary of the State Association of Citizens Councils, was quoted as saying that the Citizens Councils wanted to be ready to provide well staffed school facilities for white children who may be affected in the event public schools are closed. SMITH also announced an immediate program to work toward the organization of Citizens Councils throughout the Piedmont Section of South Carolina. He predicted that the Citizens Council Movement will spread to many parts of the United States within a short time.

SMITH was quoted as saying, "We have no intention whatever of making any compromise where the segregation of the races is concerned, no partial or token integration." He said that it was the aim of the Citizens Councils to be prepared to carry out peacefully with as much order as possible the transition from public to private schools should that become necessary.

The article described SMITH as the son of the late ELLISON D. SMITH, former Senator from the State of South Carolina.

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TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 4/22/60

FROM : SAC SAVANNAH (157-27)

SUBJECT: CHATHAM CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF GEORGIA
RACIAL MATTERS

An unidentified source on 4/22/60 made available to the Savannah Office a copy of a booklet relating to the captioned organization. The original of this booklet, a copy of the constitution of the organization, and an application for membership in the organization, which were also furnished by the source, are being maintained in the files of the Savannah Office.

Enclosed herewith are original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum incorporating pertinent information relating to instant organization as obtained from the material furnished by above source.

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Savannah, Georgia
April 22, 1960

CHATHAM CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF GEORGIA

On April 22, 1960, an unidentified source furnished a copy of a booklet distributed by the Chatham Citizens' Councils of Georgia. This booklet describes the Citizen's Council as the modern version of the old-time town meeting called to meet any crisis by expressing the will of the people. It is stated that the councils are independent groups located within the towns and counties, with local officers. It was stated that each council has four basic committees:

Information and Education
Political and Elections
Membership and Finance
Legal Advisory.

The council is described as an organization which furnishes leadership in the maintenance of segregation and states a goal of maintaining segregation in a legal way and thus preventing violence, friction and racial hatred.

The address of the Chatham Citizens' Councils, Inc. of Georgia was given as Post Office Box 2346, Savannah, Georgia.

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FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SAVANNAH

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION
RACIAL MATTERS

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Savannah, Georgia
September 22,1960

CITIZENS COUNCILS
SAVANNAH DIVISION

A news article in the News and Courier, a daily newspaper published in Charleston, South Carolina, on September 19, 1960, reported that a fund-raising dinner had been held in Charleston, South Carolina on September 18, 1960, with more than 400 persons in attendance. W. D. Workman, Jr., a newspaperman from Columbia, South Carolina, was the speaker. He was quoted as saying that he was "convinced there is such a thing as a Southern frame of mind, as distinguished from the national outlook," and he asked his audience not to surrender "the South's identity. I am persuaded that the Southern frame of mind is worth preserving and defending." He urged council members not to become so embittered over racial troubles that they would lose sight of the fact that the recial discord stemmed from a small number of negroes who did not represent the best interest, either of the South or their own people.

Thomas H. Carter, Director of Charleston County Association of Citizens Councils, called for a survey of the county to locate an adequate area to be used as suitable relocation projects for negroes. He announced that a negro development, including a nine-hole golf course, had already been started in the north area.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/1/61

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (157-NEW)

Citizens Councils

SUBJECT: CITIZENS CIVIC COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

On 8/29/61, Chief C. HAROLD HALL (NA), Orangeburg, S. C. PD, advised SA [redacted] that captioned organization has been formed in Orangeburg, S. C. within the past month. They have no office space at the present time, but are endeavoring to obtain office space in Orangeburg, S. C. Chief HALL stated that the aims of the Council are to promote desegregation by lawful means and that recently this organization directed a letter to the Board of Trustees of the Orangeburg Regional Hospital in Orangeburg, requesting a meeting in order to discuss desegregation of the hospital facilities.

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Chief HALL stated that the officers of this Council, who are listed below, have all been active members of the NAACP in the Orangeburg area for many years:

JAMES W. McPHERSON, 496 Middleton St., Orangeburg, S. C. (retired U. S. Mail Carrier), Chairman

Mrs. HELEN F. PIERCE, 358 Treadwell St., Orangeburg, 1st Vice Chairman

SQUIRE MORGAN, Attorney, 544 Clark St., Orangeburg, 2nd Vice Chairman

Mrs. B. F. HILDEBRAND, 244 Dutton St., Orangeburg, Secretary

Rev. MATTHEW D. McCOLLOM, 191 Boulevard, Orangeburg, Assistant Secretary

EDWARD J. JONES, Undertaker, 294 Russell St., Orangeburg, Treasurer

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Rev. JOHN D. RHODES, 310 Green St.,
Orangeburg, Chaplain

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Savannah will keep the Bureau advised of any pertinent developments.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-155)

SUBJECT: COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER,
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF AMERICA
RACIAL MATTERS

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, OPD
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Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau dated 9/20/62, 2 cc's destroyed relating to Spartanburg, S. C. Chapter, Citizens Councils of America; RACIAL MATTERS.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven (7) copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to captioned organization.

One copy of above-mentioned letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the Charlotte Office in view of the activities of the Citizens Councils at Spartanburg.

One copy of above-mentioned letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the New Orleans Office since the headquarters of the Citizens Councils of America is apparently located at Jackson, Mississippi.

Activities regarding Citizens Councils of America in the Eastern District of South Carolina are followed in a control file in the Savannah Division covering all Citizens Councils activities in the Eastern District of South Carolina. Their activities are being followed through established sources only at the present time.

There is no prior information in the files of the Savannah Office concerning DONALD WADE POTEAT.

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Savannah, Georgia
September 24, 1962

**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER, CITIZENS COUNCILS OF AMERICA**

"The State", a daily newspaper published in Columbia, South Carolina, for September 11, 1962, reported a meeting of the Columbia Citizens Council was held on Monday night, September 10, 1962, apparently for the purpose of organizing this council.

The first speaker was Donald Wade Poteat, a resident of Charleston, South Carolina, who labeled as "internal treason" the recent lunch counter integration moves by certain downtown business firms in Columbia. He said that anyone who has spent one hour sensibly studying this problem, knows that not one of these business firms is advocating token integration. He said "We are fighting to defend a principle, and the equalitarians are fighting to defeat it."

Dr. Medford Evans, a Texan, who is a member of the permanent staff of the Citizens Councils of America, said the purpose of the Citizens Council is to establish the safety of Southern women and Southern land. He said the assault on the land and women of the South now is one battle of the world-wide war in which all colored peoples of the earth are being exploited by the Communists so they can take over all the land. He said the concept of exploiting the colored peoples began with Lenin and he pointed to recent strife in Africa as an example of what happens as a result of this exploitation.

He claimed Negro leaders are fighting to get a seat at a lunch counter in order to "hurt the white people, to subject you to the humiliation of giving in on something they have decided to do."

He stated advances made so far by integrationists have been the result of good organization and determination, but if segregationists prepare a counter-attack against integrationists in the South, they can win out.

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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER,
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF AMERICA

Louis W. Hollis, Executive Director of the Jackson, Mississippi Citizens Council, said history has proven the supreme power behind any government is "public opinion." He outlined the measures which Columbians would have to take in order to build a strong local council.

A steering committee of the approximately 60 persons present was formed. They elected, in executive session, a temporary chairman and secretary-treasurer. The group also laid the ground work for a rally of persons interested in the Citizens Council movement to be held in Columbia, South Carolina, at 8:00 PM, October 9, 1962, at a location to be selected later.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 12/6/62

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (105-639) (RUC)

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RACIAL MATTERS

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There are enclosed for the Bureau five copies each of memoranda concerning citizens councils in the Savannah Division.

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The Citizens Council for Aiken County, South Carolina
Aiken, South Carolina
(Bufile - )
(Savannah File 105-280)
Covered by Augusta, Ga., RA
Membership: Approximately 50

**Leaders**

H. J. BECK, Chairman - 3011 Vaucluse Road, Aiken, S. C.

W. H. RABORN, Vice-Chairman - 607 Park Avenue, Aiken, S. C.

CLARENCE C. SUMMER, Secretary - 707 Marion Street, Aiken, S. C.

J. B. WRIGHT, Treasurer - Route 2, Box 389, Aiken, S. C.

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The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1956-58, but have not volunteered any current information indicating the council has been activated.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no known potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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Allendale County Citizens
Council, Allendale, S. C.
(Bufile 105-43243)
(Savannah File 105-220)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Not indicated in file

Leaders TOM O'CONNOR, President, Allendale, S. C.

M. J. BENNETT, Vice-President, Fairfax, S. C.

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The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1956 - 1958, however, to date, they have not volunteered any current information.

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Bamberg Citizens Council
Bamberg, South Carolina
(Bufile, negative)
(Savannah File 105-174)
Covered by Columbia, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 700

Leaders

J. B. NESS, Chairman - white, male, Attorney, State Representative, Bamberg, S. C.

C. S. HENERY, Vice-Chairman - white, male, President, Bamberg Textile Mill, Bamberg, S. C.

B. MONROE HIERS, Secretary-Treasurer - white, male, Attorney and County Service Officer, Bamberg, S. C.

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The above furnished information during 1957-1958, however, to date have not volunteered any current information concerning the above council.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration nor any indication reflecting potential for violence of this council.

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Bishopville Citizens Council
~~Bishopville, South Carolina~~
(Bufile 105-42176)
(Savannah File 105-223)
Covered by Sumter, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 200 (1956)

Leaders

OTIS L. EDWARDS, Chairman - Farmer, Bishopville, S. C. (Former)

THURSTON B. WEBB, JR., Vice-Chairman - Cotton gin operator, Bishopville, S. C. Former

ZUILL M. BAILEY, Treasurer - Operator, Peoples Finance Company, Bishopville, S. C. Former

HUGHEY M. TINDAL, Secretary - Natural gas distributor, Bishopville, S. C. Former of Bishopville Citizens Council, Bishopville, S.C.

The following officers were elected to begin serving November 1, 1956:

T. B. WEBB, JR., Chairman - Cotton gin operator, Bishopville, S. C.

ARCHIE BEATTIE, Vice-Chairman - Lee County Master and farmer, Wisacky, S. C.

GEORGE C. COOPER, Secretary - Insurance, Bishopville, S. C.

A. D. BERRY, Treasurer - Theater owner, Bishopville, S. C.

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The above individuals furnished information relative to instant organization during 1956-58, but have not volunteered any recent information indicating that council is active.

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Bishopville Citizens Council

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| Potential for Violence | There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group. |

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Bowman Citizens Council
Bowman, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-41623)
(Savannah File 105-175)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership - approximately 200

Leaders

L. H. SHULER, President - Farmer and dairyman.

HENRY D. WEST, JR., Vice President; Southern National Bank.

J. W. WAMER, Secretary-Treasurer; Farmer.

All reside Bowman, South Carolina.

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Potential for Violence

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Branchville Citizens Council
Branchville, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-41610)
(Savannah File 105-176)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 300

**Leaders**

J. NAT MILEY, President -
Farmer and dairyman,
Branchville, South Carolina.

ORVILLE FELDER, Vice-President -
School teacher,
Branchville, South Carolina.

D. L. HUTTO, Secretary -
Mayor, Branchville, South Carolina.

PAUL SHARPE, Treasurer -
Superintendent, South Carolina Electric and
Gas Company, Branchville, South Carolina.

Branchville Citizens Council Branchville, S.C.

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**Potential For Violence**

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Cameron Citizens Council
Cameron, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-41877)
(Savannah File 105-177)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 125

**Leaders**

W. ALBERT DENNIS, President,
Farmer, Cameron, South Carolina;

H. W. PERROW, Secretary,
Cattleman, Cameron, South Carolina;

JACK C. ZIMMERMAN, Treasurer,
Farmer, Cameron, South Carolina.

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**Potential For Violence**

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Charleston Citizens Council, Inc
Charleston, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-43141)
(Savannah File 105-236)
Covered by Charleston, S. C. RA
Membership: not indicated.

Leaders

GEORGE R. F. CORNISH, Jr., Chairman - white, male; Attorney, 41 Broad Street; residence, 60-A Tradd Street, Charleston, S. C.

HAROLD A. PETIT, Vice-Chairman - white, male, 31 Fenwick Drive; Vice-President of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; residence, Windemere, Charleston, S. C.

J. QUENTIN SHOKES, Secretary - white, male, 301 President Street, Charleston, S. C.; Salesman - Cowperthwait, Inc.

FREDERICK A. BAILEY, Jr., Treasurer; 70 Warren Street, Charleston, S. C.; Engineer - F. A. Bailey & Sons, Charleston, S. C.

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The above furnished information during 1956-1958, however, the above have not volunteered any current information concerning the council.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration nor any indication reflecting potential for violence of this council.

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Charleston County Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
(Buffile - )
(Savannah File 105-178)
Covered by Charleston, S. C., RA
Membership: Not indicated

It is to be noted that this file was set up to report the activities of all the Citizens Councils in Charleston County, S. C.; and as such had no substantive membership of its own but rather information concerning the various councils and their officers in Charleston County, S. C.

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Chatham County White Citizens Council
(Bureau File 157-350)
Savannah File 105-461
Covered by Savannah, Ga.
Membership: Not indicated

Leaders

JOHN PATRICK, President
J. WALTER COWART, Vice-President
W. H. SAPP, JR., Secretary
WILLIAM K. BOGGS, Treasurer
(All elected March 1960)

J. WALTER COWART, President
LEE ROY ROGERS, JR., Vice-President
S. F. WALTERFIELD, Secretary
ARTHUR LINTON, Treasurer
(Elected August 18, 1961)

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[redacted] furnished information on June 7, 1962, indicating handbills had been distributed by captioned council suggesting that white citizens cease to make purchases from chain stores, etc., which have integrated.

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Potential for Violence

There is no indication for potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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The Clarendon Citizens Council
Manning, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-41714)
(Savannah file 105-189)
Covered by Sumter, S. C., RA
Membership - Approximately 300

**Leaders**

Dr. THOMAS MARION DAVIS, Chairman (1955), Manning, S. C.

B. G. ALDERMAN, Vice-Chairman, Alcolu, S. C., lumber dealer, (1955).

W. E. ARANT, Secretary, Manning, S. C., public accountant, (1955).

C. L. RAWLINSON, Treasurer, Manning, S. C., farmer, (1955).

L. A. MC CORD, SR., President (1957), Clarendon County Superintendent of Schools, S. C.

HARTWELL BRUNSON, Vice-President, Clerk, Manning Drug Store, Manning, S. C, (1957).

GEORGE DICKSON, Merchant, (1957).

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The above furnished information during 1958, however, to date, they have not volunteered any current information concerning the council.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of any infiltration by the Klan nor any indication for potential for violence of the council.

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Columbia Citizens Council, Inc
Columbia, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-50814)
(Savannah File 105-276)
Covered by Columbia, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 200

Leaders

JOHN ADGER MANNING, Chairman - white, male, employed Manning and Manning Real Estate 3200 Devine Street; residence, 427 Saluda Avenue, Columbia, S. C. (1956)

Dr. WILLIAM T. BARRON, Vice-Chairman - white, male, physician, 1517 Hampton Street; residence, 1501 Tanglewood Road, Columbia, S. C. (1956)

HERBERT M. HUCKS, Jr., Secretary - white, male, Agent, Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia; residence, 2838 Sheffield Road, Columbia, S. C. (1956)

H. BLAND HAMMOND, Treasurer - white, male, employed John H. Bollin & Company, Real Estate; residence, 1432 Berkeley Road, Columbia, S. C.

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Columbia, S. C. (1956).

The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1958, however, to date has not volunteered any current information.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration nor any indication reflecting potential for violence of this council.

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Coward Citizens Council
Coward, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42275)
(Savannah File 105-219)
Covered by Florence, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 200 (1956)

Leaders

E. E. ANDERSON, Chairman - farmer, Coward, S. C.

FRED COX, Vice-Chairman, Coward, S. C.

OTIS MC GEE, Secretary - merchant, Coward, S. C.

WALLIE MATTHEWS, Treasurer - farmer, Coward, S. C.

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The above furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-1958, but have volunteered no current information to indicate the council has been activated.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or Hate group.

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County-Wide Citizens Council
Darlington, South Carolina
(Savannah file 105-260)
(Bufile - None)
Covered by Florence, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 40

Leaders

HARVEY N. HONNEY, Chairman (1956)

E. M. FLOYD, Co-Chairman, Hartsville, S. C. (1956)

BROOKS W. SUMNER, Co-Chairman, Dovesville, S. C. (1956)

HARRY ROGERS, Chairman of the Darlington, S. C. area (1956)

I. B. FUNDERBURKE, Chairman of the Hartsville, S. C. area (1956)

R. M. JOYCE, Chairman of the Lamar, S. C. area (1956)

HENRY D. WELCH, Chairman of the Society Hill, S. C. area (1956)

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The above individuals furnished information during 1956-1958 pertaining to instant group, but have not volunteered any information indicating activity on the part of instant council, since indicated dates.

Potential for Violence

There is no known potential for violence or infiltration by Klan or hate group.

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of

Earles-Trio Citizens Council
Earles Community, Williamsburg County, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42181)
(Savannah File 105-209)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 150 (1955)

**Leaders**

E. ROBERT ROWELL, Chairman - Merchant, Trio, S. C.

O. R. WATSON, Vice-Chairman - International Paper Co., Warsaw, S. C.

HENRY F. WRIGHT, Secretary - Superintendent of Williamsburg School District SC

CARLYLE CLEMONS, Treasurer - Wholesale business, Andrews, S. C.

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County, Kingstree, S. C.

The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-58, but have not volunteered any recent information indicating that the council has been activated.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate groups.

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Edisto Citizens Council
Cope, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42220)
(Savannah File 105-179)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 300

**Leaders**

TATUM ZEIGLER, President -
Fertilizer dealer and farmer,
Cordova, South Carolina.

RICHARD SALLEY, Secretary -
Farmer, Cordova, South Carolina.

LE GRAND SMOAK, Treasurer -
Dairy farmer, Cordova, South Carolina.

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Cope, South Carolina.

The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-58 but have volunteered no information indicating the council has become active.

**Potential For Violence**

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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Elloree Citizens Council
Elloree, South Carolina
(Buffile 105-40192)
(Savannah File 105-177)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 250

**Leaders**

H. L. BOWLING, President -
operates BOWLING AND WEEKS FEED & SEED STORE, Elloree, South Carolina; owns a cotton gin and large farm.

F. H. SHIRER, Secretary -
operates lumber mill and large farm, Elloree, South Carolina.

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Elloree, South Carolina.

The above furnished information pertaining to the council, while in existence, but have not volunteered any information indicating it had been reactivated.

**Potential For Violence**

There is no indication of any potential for violence, or Klan or hate group infiltration.

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of

Florence County Citizens Council,
aka Florence School District #1,
Florence Citizens Council
Florence, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42184)
(Savannah File 105-197)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 250

Leaders

(October, 1956)

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BARNEY DUSENBURY, Chairman - White male, Attorney, Florence, S. C.

Member Ku Klux Klans

G.L.

GEORGE LESLIE IVEY, Vice-Chairman - Operator, Ivey's Tavern, U. S. Highway #301, Florence, S. C.

C. C. COVINGTON, Treasurer - White male, Dentist S.C.

PETER D. HYMAN, Vice-Chairman - Magistrate, Florence, S. C.

It is noted that during November, 1962, the Florence County Citizens Council announced an organizational meeting to be held November 27, 1962, at the McClenaghan High School, Florence, with MITCHELL H. ARROWSMITH as Temporary Chairman and Dr. W. M. CROSSWELL, Post Office Box 827, Florence, Temporary Secretary.

(November, 1955)

Ex

E. E. STONE, Chairman member

CLAUDE W. BROWN, Vice-Chairman member

G. L. IVEY, Vice-Chairman

S.C.

RICHARD H. BRYANT, Vice-Chairman member

B. D. DUSENBURY, Vice-Chairman

HUGH WILCOX, Executive Secretary

D. D. COVINGTON, Treasurer member

of Florence County Citizens Council (Florence S.C.

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The above individuals furnished information during 1956-57 and, with the exception of [redacted], have not volunteered any current information concerning council.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any organized attempt by the Klan to infiltrate the council; however, GEORGE LESLIE IVEY is noted as a former officer of the council and reported to have been involved in Klan activities as seen at public meetings of the South Carolina Klans during 1954 and was described as a "peddler of racial hate."

There is no other indication for any potential for violence of this council.

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Greeleyville Citizens Council
Greeleyville, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-41565)
(Savannah File 105-181)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: 190

**Leaders**

Dr. O. F. HOGAN, Chairman, Greeleyville, S. C.

R. CLEO FENNELL, Vice-Chairman, Greeleyville, S. C.

LEROY S. EPPS, JR., Secretary, Greeleyville, S. C.

ROBERT W. JONTE, Treasurer, Greeleyville, S. C.

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These individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-58 but have volunteered no information indicating that the council has become active.

**Potential For Violence**

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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Citizens Council
Harleyville, S. C.
(Bufile 105-44747)
(Savannah File 105-237)
Covered by Charleston, S.C., RA
Membership: Not indicated

Leaders

A. W. WEEKS, Chairman, Harleyville, S. C.; farmer; insurance agent, Liberty Life Insurance Co., with offices at Moncks Corner, S.C.

A. HOWARD PENDARVIS, Vice-Chairman, Route 1, Harleyville, S. C., farmer.

RALPH L. BELL, Secretary-Treasurer, employee of S.C. Carolina Giant Cement Co.

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The above furnished information pertaining to the council during 1956 - 1958, however, to date, have not volunteered any information indicating the council is active.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential for violence or Klan or hate group infiltration.

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Hebron-Cades Citizens Council
Hebron, South Carolina
(Savannah file 105-285)
(Bufile 105-52657)
Covered by Florence, S. C. RA
Membership: Not indicated

Leaders

JOHN WILSON, Chairman, farmer, Hebron, S. C.

ERNEST W. BARRINEAU, Secretary, farmer, Hebron, S. C.

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The above individuals furnished information during 1956-1958, but have not volunteered any information indicating activity on the part of instant council since indicated dates.

Potential for Violence

There is no known potential for violence or infiltration by Klan or hate group.

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Hemingway Citizens Council
Hemingway, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42205)
(Savannah File 105-182)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: 74

**Leaders**

CARROLL M. EADDY, Chairman, Hemingway, S. C.

W. B. GALLOWAY, Vice-Chairman, Hemingway, S. C.

BENNIE C. HUGGINS, Secretary, Hemingway, S. C.

J. FRANK COX, Treasurer, Hemingway, S. C.

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The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-58, but have volunteered no information indicating that the council has become activated.

**Potential For Violence**

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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**Holly Hill-Eutawville-
Vance Citizens Council
Providence Section,
South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42005)
(Savannah File 105-183)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 300**

**Leaders**

**E. H. POOLE, Chairman -
Formerly of the Orangeburg City School faculty,
Holly Hill, South Carolina.**

**M. A. BILTON, Vice-Chairman -
Eutawville, South Carolina.**

**R. D. SUBER, Secretary-Treasurer -
Holly Hill, South Carolina.**

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**The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-58, but have not volunteered any current information indicating that the council has been activated.**

**Potential For Violence**

**There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.**

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Horry County Citizens Council
Conway, South Carolina
(Savannah File 105-337)
(Bufile 105-65964)
Covered by Myrtle Beach, S. C.
Membership: Approximately 75

**Leaders**

J. M. LONG, JR., Chairman - White male, Attorney, Conway, S. C.

HARRY C. McINVAILE, Vice-Chairman - White male, businessman, Conway, S. C.

EVANS M. BUNCH, Vice-Chairman - White male, Attorney, Conway, S. C.

CECIL HORNE, Vice-Chairman - White male, businessman, Loris, S. C.

THOMAS M. SPENCE, Vice-Chairman - White male, Attorney, Myrtle Beach, S. C.

JOHN THOMAS, Secretary-Treasurer - White male, businessman, Myrtle Beach, S. C.

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The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1957-58; however, to date, they have not volunteered any current information.

**Potential for Violence**

[redacted] above, advised during 1958 that all officers and most members of above council were either former Klan members or sympathizers.

There is no indication reflecting potential for violence of this council.

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Indiantown Citizens Council
Indiantown School District
Hemingway, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42267)
(Savannah File 105-208)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 125 (1956)

**Leaders**

WILLIAM J. CHANDLER, JR., Chairman - Hemingway, S. C.

GEORGE W. TURNER, Vice-Chairman - Nesmith, S. C.

L. TOM OVERBY, Secretary - Superintendent of Indiantown Community School, Hemingway, S. C.

W. M. McCULLOUGH, Treasurer - Hemingway, S. C.

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The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-58 but have not volunteered any recent information indicating that the council has been activated.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication or potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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James Island Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-43754)
(Savannah File 105-216)
Covered by Charleston, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 150 in 1955

Leaders

(1956)
L. W. WARREN, Chairman, James Island, S. C.

ALVA ALSBROOK, Vice-Chairman, 621 Wappo Drive, James Island, S. C., Agent, Security Life and Trust Company, Riverland Terrace, James Island, South Carolina.

S. M. CLEMENT, Treasurer, Wappo Hall, James Island, S. C., Naval Architect, 20 Yates Avenue, James Island, South Carolina.

HAROLD MOORE, Secretary, Riverland Terrace, James Island, S. C., Forester, 307 Stono Drive, James Island, South Carolina.

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The above furnished information during 1958, however, they have not volunteered any current information concerning the council.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration or potential for violence of the council.

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Jasper County Citizens Council
Ridgeland, South Carolina
(Savannah file 105-235)
(Bufile 105-43920)
Covered by Savannah Roadtrip
Membership: Approximately 130

Leaders

J. E. HORTON, JR., Chairman - County Service Officer, Ridgeland, S. C.

OTIS RENTZ, Vice Chairman - Gulf Service Station Operator, Hardeeville, S. C.

H. A. WALL, Secretary - County Superintendent of Education, Ridgeland, S. C.

VINCENT MUNCH, Treasurer - Operator, 5¢ & 10¢ Store, Ridgeland, S. C.

The above persons served during 1956. Elected for 1957 were: J. E. HORTON, JR., President; Miss EVELYN SPIVEY, Secretary; VINCENT MUNCH, Treasurer; and LEO LANGFORD, Vice President, of Hardeeville, S. C.

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The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1956-58; however, to date he has not furnished any current information.

Potential for Violence

There is no known potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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Johns Island - Wadmalaw Island
Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-43113)
(Savannah File 105-212)
Covered by Charleston, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 114 (1955)

**Leaders**

(1956)
W. M. HAMILTON, Former Chairman - Johns Island, S. C.

GEORGE W. SEABROOK, Vice-Chairman, Wadmalaw Island, S. C.

WILLIAM SUMMERS, Secretary - Johns Island, S. C.

MARGARET W. BECKET, Treasurer - Johns Island, S. C.

(1958)
GEORGE W. SEABROOK, Chairman - (supra) Wadmalaw Island, S.C.

B. I. PHILLIPS, Vice-Chairman S.C.

WILLIAM SUMMERS, Secretary - (supra) Johns Island, S.C.

MARGARET W. BECKET, Treasurer - (supra) Johns Island, S.C.

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The above furnished information during 1958 but has not volunteered any current information.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of Klan infiltration nor potential for violence concerning this council.

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Johnsonville Citizens Council
Johnsonville, South Carolina
(Savannah File 105-233)
(Bufile 105-43678)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 150

**Leaders**

MARVIN D. STONE, Chairman - Prominent farmer, Substitute Mail Carrier Johnsonville, S.C.

W. H. MENG, Vice Chairman - Road Commissioner, Johnsonville, S. C.

H. M. FLOYD, Secretary - Superintendent of Schools, Johnsonville, S. C., for the last 28 years as of 1956 Johnsonville, S.C.

J. H. CHANDLER, JR., Treasurer - Prominent Farmer Johnsonville, S.C.

All of the above individuals reside in Johnsonville, S. C.

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The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1956-58; however, to date, they have not volunteered any current information.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no known potential for violence or infiltration by Klan or hate group.

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Kershaw County Citizens Council
Kershaw County, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-41245)
(Savannah File 105-184)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 450

**Leaders**

WILLIAM WILSON, President -
Attorney at Law,
Camden, South Carolina.

CY MITCHELL, Vice-President -
Merchant, Bethune, South Carolina.

ED OGBURN, Secretary -
County Clerk of Court,
Camden, South Carolina.

HENRY GARRISON, Treasurer -
President, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK,
Camden, South Carolina.

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The above individual furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-58, but has not volunteered any current information indicating the council has become activated.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indicated potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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Kingstree Citizens Council
Kingstree, South Carolina
(Bufile 100-420892)
(Savannah File 105-185)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 700 (1955)

**Leaders** (1955)

M. A. SHULER, Chairman - Attorney, Kingstree, S. C.

JOHN D. BRITTON, Vice-Chairman S.C.

J. B. CLARKSON, Secretary S.C.

D. L. TAYLOR, Treasurer S.C.

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The above furnished information during 1955-58; however, to date they have not volunteered any current information concerning this council.

**Potential for Violence** There is no indication of any infiltration by the Klan nor any potential for violence of the council.

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Lake City Citizens Council
Lake City, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-41475)
(Savannah File 105-186)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: Not Indicated

Leaders

HENLEY M. McELVEEN, President - Owner of McElveen's Grocery Store, Lake City, S. C.

HOWELL A. WILSON, Secretary - Lake City, S. C.

W. LESTER WEBB, JR., Treasurer - Local distributor for the Charleston "News and Courier," Lake City, S. C.

R. R. WHITLOCK, Vice-Chairman - Attorney, Lake City, S. C.

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The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-58, but have not volunteered any current information indicating that the council has been activated.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration of the Klan or hate group.

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Lamar Citizens Council
Lamar, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42457)
(Savannah file 105-187)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership - Approximately 300

Leaders

WILBUR E. HILL, Chairman, (1955), merchant.

Dr. G. L. BOYKIN, Vice-Chairman, (1955).

DAN BEASLEY, Secretary-Treasurer, Clerk of Courts, Darlington, S. C., (1955).

O. L. WARR, President, Lamar, S. C., Representative S. C. Legislature, Darlington County, S. C., (1956).

BENJAMIN WINDHAM, Vice-President, Lamar, S. C., Representative S. C. Legislature, Darlington County, S. C., (1956).

EARL CARTER, Secretary-Treasurer, Lamar, S. C., Representative S. C. Legislature, Darlington County, S. C., (1956).

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County, S. C.

The above furnished information up to 1958; however, they have not volunteered any current information concerning the council.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any infiltration by the Klan nor any indication for potential for violence of the council.

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Lane-Salters Citizens Council
Lane, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42276)
(Savannah File 105-188)
Covered by Florence, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 50 (1956)

**Leaders**

H. P. BROWN, Chairman - Prominent farmer, white male, Lane, S. C.

EMERSON H. ODOM, Vice-Chairman - Prominent farmer, white male, Lane, S. C.

C. R. WALKER, Secretary - Employee, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, white male, Lane, S. C.

ECTOR D. SHEPARD, Treasurer - Farmer, gin operator, employee of OLIVER ISELAN, Lane, S. C.

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The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1955-56; however, to date they have not volunteered any current information.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration, nor is there any indication reflecting any potential for violence of this council.

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District #1 Citizens Council
Lobeco, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42686)
(Savannah File 105-202)
Covered by Savannah Roadtrip
Membership: Approximately 60 (1955)

**Leaders**

WILLARD IHLY, Chairman - Tinsmith operator, Burton, S. C.

H. G. JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman - Retired railroad employee, Lobeco, S. C.

FRANK KILLEM, Former Secretary - Lobeco, S. C., farmer

T. E. DREW, Former Treasurer - Supervisor of Cotton Hill Plantation, Yemassee, S. C.

(Elected 10/14/57)
DAN LESESNE, President S.C.

MIKE CAVANAUGH, Secretary-Treasurer S.C.

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The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-57, but have not volunteered any current information indicating that the council has been activated.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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Lower Richland White Citizens Council
Hopkins, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42513)
(Savannah file 105-203)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership - Approximately 190 in 1956

Leaders (elected 11/7/55)

Former Chairman : JESSE REESE, Manager, Colony Forest Apartments, resides Horrell Hill Area, Richland County, S. C.

Former Secretary : J. E. MIKELL, farmer, Bellwood Area, Richland County, S. C.

Former Vice-Chairman : JAMES HOPKINS, Attorney, Lykesland, S. C.

Former Treasurer : EARL CAMPBELL, fuel business, Eastover, S. C.

Officers (elected 2/20/58)

Chairman : JESSE T. REESE

Vice-Chairman : JAMES D. ESTES

Treasurer : HENRY W. WALKER Henry

Former Secretary : T. M. NORRIS

Officers (elected 10/15/59)

Chairman : W. H. RIVERS

Vice-Chairman : JOHN COTTON

Treasurer : HENRY WALKER

Secretary : JORDAN NORRIS

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Lower Richland White Citizens Council

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| Potential for Violence | There is no indication of a potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate groups. |

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Lynchburg Citizens Council
Lynchburg, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-43063)
(Savannah File 105-225)
Covered by Florence, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 150

Leaders

E. D. STOUDENMIRE, President; high school teacher, Lynchburg, S. C.

BOBBY VASEY, Vice-President; seed and feed store operator, Lynchburg, S. C.

ROY HUDGENS, Sr., Secretary; Superintendent, S.C. Public Schools.

JAMES MC ELVEEN, Treasurer; employee, Boyle Hardware Company, Sumter, S. C.

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The above furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-1958, however, since 1958, have not volunteered any information indicating that the council has become active.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by Klan or Hate groups.

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Moultrie School District
Citizens Council, Charleston County, S.C.
(Bufile 105-44219)
(Savannah File 105-213)
Covered by Charleston, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 325 in 1956

Leaders

E. CAPERS JOHNSON, Chairman, white, male, poultry farmer, Mt. Pleasant, S. C. (1956)

ALLAN P. SLOAN, Chairman, white, male, Mt. Pleasant, S. C. (1955)

JAMES E. BREMER, Vice-Chairman, white male, Isle of Palms, S. C.

E. STANLEY BARNHILL, Secretary, white, male, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

WILLIAM R. WILLAUER, Treasurer, white, male, 2500 Brownell Ave., Sullivan's Island, S. C.

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The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1956, however, to date has not volunteered any information.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration or hate group infiltration, nor any indication reflecting any potential for violence of this council.

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New Zion-Turbeville Citizens Council
New Zion, S. C.
(Bufile - )
(Savannah File 105-281)
Covered by Summerton, S. C., RA
Membership: Not indicated

**Leaders** W. C. "Billy" PLOWDEN, Chairman - Ford dealer, New Zion, S. C.

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The above furnished information during 1956-58 but has not volunteered any current information concerning the council.

**Potential for Violence** There is no indication of any Klan infiltration or potential for violence.

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North Charleston Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-43716)
(Savannah File 105-211)
Covered by Charleston, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 250 (1956)

Leaders

(November, 1955) Former Member Ku Klux Klan
JAMES H. HAYES, Chairman - Hayes Oil Co., residence 102 Lee St., Charleston, S. C.

Former
CLEM C. FISK, Vice-Chairman - Bus driver, South Carolina Electric and Gas Co., residence 12 Lawrens, Waylyn, Charleston Heights, S. C.

Mrs. ALBERTA RICHARDSON, Secretary - (See Below) S.C.

Former
JOHN D. RICHARDSON, Treasurer - Bus driver, South Carolina Electric and Gas Co., residence 17 East Surray Drive, Dorchester Terrace, Charleston Heights, S. C.

(1/10/56) Former
HANS S. PAUL, Chairman - Attorney, Charleston, residence Marlboro Road, North Charleston, S. C.

Former
LEWIS E. WALKER, Secretary - Manager, W. C. Wilbur & Co., Insurance, North Charleston, residence 603 North Blvd., Charleston, S. C.

JOHN D. RICHARDSON, Treasurer - (Supra)

(1958) Former
JAMES A. SHULER, Chairman S.C.

J. H. FLOWERS, Vice-Chairman S.C. Secretary

H.W.

Former
HAROLD W. MESSINGER, Secretary-Treasurer - employed sheet metal, Navy Base, residence 1904 Norwood, Chicora Place, Charleston Heights, S. C. or 814 English St.

(1959)
EDWARD ROBERTS, Chairman - 316 Camden Street, Charleston, S. C.

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North Charleston Citizens Council Charleston County, S.C.

H. W. WESSINGER, Secretary - 814 English Street, Charleston, S. C.

JAMES M. BELL, Treasurer - 103 Jasper Street, Charleston, S. C., rigger, Navy Base, Charleston

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Charleston, S. C.

The above individuals furnished information during 1955-58 but have not volunteered any current information concerning this council.

Potential for Violence

During 1948-49 JAMES H. HAYES (supra) appeared on the list of alleged present and past members of Klavern #76, Association of Carolina Klans. There is no other indication of any Klan infiltration of this council. There is no indication of any potential for violence of this council.

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North Citizens Council
North, South Carolina
(Bufile )
(Savannah File 105-190)
Covered by Columbia, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 300

Leaders

CLARENCE CULLER, President - Merchant-farmer, North, S. C.

HAROLD REED, Vice-President - Merchant, North, S. C.

CHARLES JUMPER, Secretary-Treasurer, Drug store operator, North, S. C.

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The above furnished information during 1958, however, have not volunteered any current information concerning the council.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of Klan infiltration nor any potential for violence of the council.

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The North Hartsville Citizens Council
Hartsville, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42537)
(SVfile 105-204)
Covered by Florence, South Carolina, RA
Membership - approximately 65 (in 1956)

Leaders

PAUL HODGES, Chairman; Route 1, Hartsville, South Carolina

CRAWFORD FREEMAN, Vice-Chairman; Route 1, Hartsville, South Carolina

W. E. THOMPSON, Secretary - Treasurer; Route 1, Hartsville, South Carolina

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South Carolina

The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955 - 1958, but have not volunteered any current information indicating the council has been reactivated.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate groups.

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Norway Citizens Council
Norway, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42132)
(Savannah File 105-191)
Covered by Columbia, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 400

Leaders

J. W. WILLIAMSON, President, Norway, S. C.

G. LA VERNE WILLIAMS, Vice-President, Norway, S. C.

MARION F. GUE, Secretary-Treasurer, Norway, S. C.

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The above furnished information during 1958, however, to date no current information has been volunteered.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration nor any potential for violence of the council.

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Olanta Citizens Council
Olanta, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42319)
(Savannah File 105-192)
Covered by Florence, S.C., RA
Membership - 150 in 1956

Leaders

R. D. THOMPSON, Chairman, white, male, Mayor of Olanta, S. C. (1955).

B. A. GRAHAM, Vice-Chairman, white, male.

J. G. CHANDLER, Secretary, white, male.

B. E. PROSSER, Treasurer, white, male, teacher, Olanta High School.

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The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1956-58, but have not volunteered any current information.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration nor any indication reflecting potential for violence.

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Citizens Council
Orangeburg, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-41625)
(Savannah File 105-193)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Not Indicated

**Leaders**

(1955)
W. T. C. BATES, President - Agent, New York Life Insurance Co. S.C.

JACK G. WANNAMAKER, Secretary-Treasurer - Retired, Finance Company S.C.

CECIL WILLIAMSON, Secretary-Treasurer

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The above furnished information during 1955-58 concerning the council; however, they have not volunteered any current information.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration or any potential for violence of the council.

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Citizens Council
Pamplico, South Carolina
(Savannah file 105-283)
(Bufile 105-52183)
Covered by Florence, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 200

Leaders

L. B. COLEMAN, Chairman - associated with the C. C. Finklea Company of Hyman, S. C.

RALPH ERVIN, Vice-Chairman - age 25 (1956) 1951
local farmer and tobacco man.

D. D. EVANS, Treasurer

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The above individuals furnished information pertaining to captioned group during 1956-1958, but have not volunteered information, since indicated dates, indicating activity on the part of captioned council.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential violence or information indicating that the Klan or hate group has infiltrated this organization.

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Ridgeville Citizens Council
Ridgeville, South Carolina
(Savannah file 105-302)
(Bufile 105-54176)
Covered by Charleston, S. C. RA
Membership: Not indicated

Leaders

G. H. MUCKENFUSS, SR., Chairman

L. D. HOOVER, Vice Chairman

R. O. WELCH, Secretary

JOSEPH J. GROOMS, Treasurer

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The above individuals reside in Ridgeville, S. C.

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The above individuals furnished information pertaining to captioned group during 1956-1958, but have not volunteered any information indicating activity of this group since the indicated dates.

Potential for Violence

There is no known potential for violence or infiltration by Klan or a hate group.

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Savannah River Citizens Council
North Augusta, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-53738)
(Savannah File 105-295)
Covered by Augusta, Ga., RA
Membership: Approximately 65

**Leaders**

FRITZ H. GIESKING, Chairman - White male, age approximately 30 (1957), employed as turbin operator, South Carolina Gas and Electric Co., Beech Island, S. C. A former U. S. Navy veteran during WW II, resided with wife at Beech Island.

1927

GEORGE WILLIAM ANDREWS, Vice-Chairman - White male, approximately 46 (1956), part owner Southern Lubricating Co., Beech Island, S. C., resided at Route 4, Beech Island.

1910

JOHN M. HAM, Treasurer - White male, born 1/28/28, Augusta, Ga., employed as turbine operator, South Carolina Generating Co., Beech Island, S. C., resided with wife (OPAL) at P. O. Box 28, Clearwater, S. C.

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The above furnished information concerning the above council during 1958; however, to date they have not volunteered any current information.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration nor any indication reflecting potential for violence of this council.

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Springfield Citizens Council
Springfield, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-42156)
(Savannah File 105-194)
Covered by Columbia, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 100 (1955)

Leaders

(1955)
HERBERT T. CORBETT, Chairman - Orangeburg County Employee, RFD, Springfield, S. C.

J. A. B. WERTZ, Secretary-Treasurer, Owner - Wertz Veneer Plant, Springfield, S. C.

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The above furnished information during 1955-1958, however, they have not volunteered any current information concerning the council.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration of the council, nor potential for violence noted.

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St. Andrews Parish Citizens Council
Charleston County, S. C.
(Bufile 105-44220)
(Savannah File 105-214)
Covered by Charleston, S. C., RA
Membership: 150 in 1956

Leaders

RALPH H. McGEE, President; white male; Plant Manager, Coburg Dairy, St. Andrews, Charleston, S. C. (1955)

JOHN A. McKNIGHT, Vice-President; white, male; Route 8, Box 743; employed Bus Dispatcher, S. C. Gas and Electric Co., Charleston, S. C. (1956)

TED ROGERS, Treasurer; white, male; Route 8, Box 724; employed Davidson Chemical Co., Charleston, S. C. (1956)

Mrs. MICAH JENKINS, Secretary; white, female. S.C

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Potential for Violence

There is no indication of any Klan or hate group infiltration nor any indication reflecting potential for violence of this council.

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Citizens Council
St. George, S. C.
(Bufile 105-44746-6)
(Savannah file 105-238)
Covered by Charleston, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 65

Leaders

J. B. WILLIAMS, President, independent buyer of pulpwood, operating under the name of J. B. WILLIAMS PULP WOOD CO.

NICK HAMILTON, Vice-President, County Attorney, Dorchester County, S. C.

JAMES HAWKINS, Secretary - Treasurer, employee of Carolina Giant Cement Co., Harleyville, S. C.

Above individuals reside at St. George, S. C.

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The above furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955 - 1958, but have not volunteered any information indicating that council has become active.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential for violence nor infiltration by the Klan or a hate group.

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St. Pauls School District Citizens Council
Charleston County, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-44062)
(SVfile 105-215)
Covered by Columbia, South Carolina, RA
Membership - approximately 120 (in 1956)

**Leaders**

J. L. JARVIN, Chairman

C. J. BLASIUS, Vice Chairman; tailor, resides Meggets, South Carolina

Mrs. HOLLY SMOAK, Secretary; housewife

F. L. GLENN, Civil Engineer; resides Little Edisto Island, Charleston County, South Carolina

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Charleston, South Carolina

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The above individuals furnished information during 1956 - 1958, but have not volunteered any recent information indicating that the council is active.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication for potential violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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St. Matthews Citizens Council
St. Matthews, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-43043)
(Savannah File 105-224)
Covered by Columbia, S. C. RA
Membership: Approximately 50 (1955)

Leaders

A. P. COTTON, Chairman, Riley Station, RFD, St. Matthews, S. C. - farmer

L. BANKS WANNAMAKER, Vice-President, farmer and cotton gin, St. Matthews, S. C.

ARTHUR NEAL WINGES, Secretary-Treasurer, owns thorough-bred horse farm, RFD, St. Matthews, S. C.

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The above individuals furnished information pertaining to the council during 1955-1958, but have not volunteered any current information indicating that the council has been activated.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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Summerton Citizens Council
Summerton, S. C.
(Bufile 105-42343)
(Savannah File 105-195)
Covered by Summerton, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 100

**Leaders**

(1955) Former
W. B. DAVIS, JR., President - Planter

DUVAL ELLIOTT, Vice-President - Lumber dealer, farmer

W. DAVID McCLARY, Secretary - Cotton gin operator

F. R. DINGLE, Treasurer - Insurance salesman

(All of Summerton, S. C.)

(1956)
C. W. SPROTT, President - Planter, Summerton, S. C.

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**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of any Klan infiltration or potential for violence concerning the council.

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Citizens Council of Sumter County Inc.,
formerly known as
The States Rights League of Sumter County Inc.,
Citizens Rights League of South Carolina.
Sumter, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-43423)
(Savannah 105-231)
Covered by Sumter, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 4,000

**Leaders**

(1956)
ROBERT O. PURDY, Chairman, white male, Attorney, Sumter, South Carolina;

T. D. KEELS, Vice-Chairman, white male, Farmer, Sumter, South Carolina;

JOHN S. WILSON, Secretary, white male, Attorney, Sumter, South Carolina;

J. D. DINKINS, Treasurer, white male, cotton gin operator, Sumter, South Carolina.

**Leaders**

(1957)
JOHN S. WILSON, Chairman (supra);

ROBERT O. PURDY, Vice-Chairman (supra);

BURKE WATSON, JR., Vice-Chairman, Merchant, Sumter, South Carolina;

L. F. CUTTINO, Secretary, Merchant, Sumter, South Carolina;

J. D. DINKINS, Treasurer (supra).

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Above persons furnished information during 1958; however, to date, they have volunteered no current information.

**Potential For Violence**

There is no indicati on of Klan infiltration nor any indication reflecting potential for violence of this council.

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Swansea Citizens Council
Swansea, South Carolina
(Bufile 105-43653)
(Savannah File 105-222)
Covered by Columbia, S. C., RA
Membership: Approximately 300 (1956)

**Leaders**

SAM ETHEREDGE, President - Former Mayor, Swansea, S. C.

LUCIUS MARTIN, Secretary-Treasurer - Owner, Swansea Electrical Co., Swansea, S. C.

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The above furnished information pertaining to the council from 1955-58, but has not volunteered any current information indicating the council has been activated.

**Potential for Violence**

There is no indication of potential for violence or infiltration by the Klan or hate group.

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Timmonsville Citizens Council
Timmonsville, South Carolina
(Savannah file 105-234)
(Bufile 105-42843)
Covered by Florence, S. C. RA
Membership: Not indicated

Leaders

W. M. CROSSWELL, Chairman - white male, about 45 years of age (1956), who owns and operates a chiropractic clinic on the southwest corner of Hill St., and Highway 76 in Timmonsville. He is a life-long resident and successful businessman in the city.

CHARLES E. ANDERSON, Secretary - white male, about 48 years of age (1956), 5'10", 185 lbs., grey hair, owns and operates Anderson's Hardware Store in Timmonsville and is known to have resided in the city for the last 30 years.

R. B. SCARBOROUGH, Treasurer - white male, about 55 years of age (1956), 5'6", 155 lbs., who resides on U. S. #76, east of Sparrow Swamp in Timmonsville. He is a life-long resident of the city and is President and principal stockholder in the Pee Dee State Bank in Timmonsville.

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[redacted] and whose life-long residence has been in Timmonsville, furnished information on a confidential basis.

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[redacted] Florence, S. C., advised in 1958 that instant council exists in name only, is not active, and will not be reactivated unless some racial situation develops.

These individuals furnished information pertaining to captioned group during 1956-1958, but have not volunteered any information indicating activity on the part of instant council since indicated dates.

Potential for Violence

There is no indication of potential violence or information indicating that the Klan or hate group has infiltrated this organization

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Date: 6/17/63

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Savannah (157-421)

RE : CHARLESTON, S. C., CHAPTER
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF AMERICA
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Enclosed for the Bureau are original and seven copies and for Charlotte one copy of a letterhead memorandum regarding captioned subject.

The source referred to is [redacted] who furnished this information to SA HARRY C. BELK on 6/12/63.

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Savannah, Georgia
June 17, 1963

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA,
CHAPTER, CITIZENS COUNCILS
OF AMERICA

On June 12, 1963, a source advised that captioned organization met at the Lord Ashley Motel in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 3, 1963. Donald Wade Poteat, organizer for the Citizens Councils of America, was one of the principal speakers. He mentioned that he had just returned from Greensboro, North Carolina, and has been organizing citizens councils in Greensboro, Burlington and Durham, North Carolina. Poteat said that if something had to be done in North Carolina regarding integration it would be done as soon as the citizens councils were organized. He did not explain what he meant by what would be done.

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Savannah, Georgia
June 17, 1963

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Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Savannah memorandum dated June 17, 1963, captioned as above.

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RE: FLORENCE COUNTY CITIZENS' COUNCIL
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA
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SUBJECT: NORTH CITIZENS COUNCIL
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